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Leadership doubts in Italian party

Signor Ciriaco de Mita's leadership of the Italian Christian Democrats is in question after the party's electoral support fell to the lowest point of its three decades in power. He will today hear the views of his immediate colleagues on what is being described as a political earthquake.

Tense wait for arm victim

Doctors at Stoke Mandeville who sewed back the severed arm of Mr Roy Tapping, an Oxfordshire farmworker, will not know for some days whether the operation has been a success or if the limb must be reamputated.

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Little progress was made in the dispute that has lost the Financial Times its last 25 editions. Publication is unlikely before next week at the earliest.

Vauxhall jobs

Vauxhall Motors, which might soon be profitable, could hire 1,000 workers by the end of the year if sales of its Cavalier model remain buoyant.

Bankruptcy fear

Sir Kenneth Cork has urged the Government to delay no further in reforming Britain's bankruptcy law after indications that reform could take another four years.

Scientia vincit

Independent schools are rejecting Latin in favour of science, a forthcoming report is expected to show.

Laker talks

British and American officials have been holding secret talks in Washington after the Government ordered the two main British airlines not to comply with US subpoenas for information in the Laker case.

Selfridges rise

Selfridges joined battle with Harrods and Marks and Spencer to attract the best staff in the centre of London by raising shop pay by 22.3 per cent.

Space link-up

Thirty hours after Earth takeoff, two Soviet cosmonauts, successfully linked their space ferry to the orbiting Salyut 7 station, entered it and began experiments.

Britons win

Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett recorded fast times to win their races at the Bielt Games in Oslo last night. Coe won an 800 metres in 1min 43.80sec, and Ovett recorded 3min 33.79sec to win the 1,500 metres.

Captain's day

Bob Willis, who figured in a match-winning last wicket stand for Warwickshire has been reappointed England captain for the four Test matches against New Zealand.

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Hattersley attacks Bennites for lost four million votes

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr Roy Hattersley said last night that the Labour Party must become again the party that represented the hopes and aspirations of its traditional supporters or accept the role of being a permanent minority.

Denouncing the dogmatists who had caused the party to make so many "electoral sacrifices", Mr Hattersley, a leading contender for the Labour leadership, made clear his belief that it will have to abandon many of the policies on which it fought the election if it is ever to be returned to government.

The difference between victory and defeat was the willingness of the party to offer a programme which seemed relevant to the nation's needs and capable of fulfilment, he said.

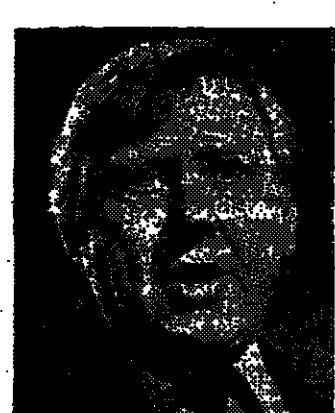
"At the last election even our popular policies seemed incredible and as a result the promises which we made on unemployment, pensions and housing had the electoral value of no promises at all."

Addressing the general committee of his Birmingham, Sparkbrook, constituency party, Mr Hattersley was clearly presenting himself as the leadership candidate best suited to winning back Labour's "lost" four million voters.

The party was at a cross-roads; the choice was simple, he said. It could become again a great national party able to win the next election, or accept the role of a permanent minority, "willing to become an unhappy compromise between a protest movement and a pressure group".

The Shadow Home Secretary said that for the next five years, responding to the hopes and aspirations of Labour's supporters and potential supporters must be the party's abiding obsession.

In an obvious attack on Mr



Mr Hattersley: "Policies seem incredible"

Wedgehead Benn and others on the left who interpreted the election result as a large vote for socialism he said: "Listening to the people will be resisted by those who apparently regard June 9 as a victory."

"The desire for reunion with the four million missing voters will be described by them as the cynical pursuit of a parliamentary majority. I say at once that I am in pursuit of a parliamentary majority, and that anyone who denies or neglects that objective betrays the men and women who look to a Labour government for protection and assistance."

Mr Hattersley's speech amounted to an indictment of the methods by which the party formulated the policies it presented to the electorate. "Belief that the policy working groups of the subcommittees of the national executive always know best is simply arrogant."

He was scathing about the constitutional changes forced through by the left which had created a state of institutionalised conflict in the name of party democratisation.

He acknowledged there was no going back on the constitutional changes of the early 1980s, so the party must go forward.

American set to win battle for Sotheby's

By Philip Robinson

Mr Alfred Taubman, the American property millionaire, looked set last night to win an \$20m takeover battle for Sotheby's, the London-based auctioneer.

He signed a conditional agreement with his rivals in the battle, fellow Americans Mr Marshall Cogan and Mr Stephen Swid, to buy their 29.9 per cent of Sotheby's stake for \$24.7m. The sale gives them a £7m profit.

Mr Taubman now influences sufficient shares to give him control of the company, through the Monopolies Commission, decides that his ownership would not be against the public interest.

With shares he already owns and those promised by the Sotheby's board and staff, the stake gives Mr Taubman 51.68 per cent of the shares and control.

Mr Graham Llewellyn, Sotheby's chief executive, said yesterday: "We are extremely pleased that Mr Taubman has made this arrangement."

Mr Llewellyn and his board have consistently rejected Mr Cogan and Mr Swid as potential owners of Sotheby's. Mr Llewellyn once said that he would "blow his brains out" if they gained control.

Until earlier this month, it looked likely they would win, bidding through a new company Knoll International Holdings, part of their carpet underlay and furniture empire.

But then Mr Taubman, named as one of the ten richest men in the US, entered the fight as a saviour and was welcomed by the Sotheby's board.

His offer was still to be cleared by the Monopolies Commission. He was included in an investigation already being conducted into the Cogan and Swid offer.

His buying the 29.9 per cent stake is on condition that his offer is allowed, a decision now expected in September.

Labour left confident of Meacher win

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The left in the Labour Party are becoming increasingly confident of capturing the deputy leadership for Mr Michael Meacher, to consolidate the political advances they have made during the past three years.

Mr Meacher, aged 43, has taken control of the machine that almost won this key position for Mr Wedgwood Benn two years ago, and he told The Times yesterday: "I think the left stands a very good chance of winning."

The Meacher campaign team is working to create a coalition of support in the three component parts of Labour's electoral college: the trade unions, the parliamentary party (PLP) and the constituency parties.

His campaign managers calculate that he will take about 75 per cent of the constituency party votes, and win the backing of about 40 per cent of the MPs in a PLP that has swung to the left after the election. They are also counting on the support of about half the unions affiliated to Labour.

In terms of the electoral college vote, this would mean 22.5 per cent (unions), 12 per cent (PLP), and 22 per cent (constituencies).

Police spy video causes clashes on royal tour

From Grania Forbes, of the Press Association, Prince Edward Island

The use of a spy video camera to hear to pick up conversation and its presence too close to the Prince and Princess has annoyed royal aides.

The security system, similar to one used by bodyguards when President Reagan was shot, is being used by police during the couple's two-day visit to Prince Edward Island.

The £2,000 Japanese camera is focused not on the royal visitors, but on the crowds of well-wishers who gather wherever the couple go.

But it is also equipped with a sensitive microphone to pick up conversation and its presence too close to the Prince and Princess has annoyed royal aides.

Time and again the security camera crew have been pushed back when they came too close to the royal visitors during supposedly informal walkabouts.

A tour official said: "This security system is virtually the same as the one used to protect President Reagan - and it didn't do him much good."

Letter bomb for Brittan

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

An incendiary device addressed to Mr Leon Brittan, the new Home Secretary, was discovered at the House of Commons yesterday and defused by Scotland Yard explosives experts.

The device, hidden in an envelope, was found shortly after the Press Association received a letter warning of attacks by the Scottish National Liberation Army yesterday and today. The letter gave a warning in block letters: "SNLA attacks on 28 and 29th".

The warning was passed to Scotland Yard and the letter to Mr Brittan, posted in Glasgow, was examined in the police room at the Commons.

Since the beginning of this year the SNLA has claimed responsibility for devices sent to the Prime Minister, the Provost of Glasgow and the Conservative Central Office.

Drive to farm herds for supermarkets

By John Lawless

The Queen is considering joining a cooperative, which is to sell deer meat into supermarkets. Buckingham Palace said yesterday: "The matter is being looked into at the moment but no decision has been taken."

The meat is unlikely to be sold as venison, because the animals will be killed when under 31 months old, and the flesh will not have acquired the flavour associated with venison.

The objective of the British Deer Producers Society, which will have more than 100 members when inaugurated on September 14, is to take deer to present roasting wild on the 50,000 acres of Balmoral Estate.

No one knows how many there are, but a near by estate, half the size of Balmoral, plans to farm 10,000 a year.

The deer are known to be a particular interest of the Duke of Edinburgh, but at present are only called for control or conservation purposes.

largescale farming would be great. Mr Louis Jankel, secretary and director-designate for the new society, said: "Three hundred animals produce and income of £50,000 a year." As Balmoral is part of the Queen's private estate, any revenues would go directly to the Royal Family.

About 10 per cent of the deer population in Britain is farmed and something like 40 per cent is in parks. Mr Jankel said: "With fairly minimal expenditure they could be farmed. The deer in Richmond Park, for example, are perfectly suitable."

"Instead of being a liability on the Department of the Environment, the farming of deer could produce £100,000 a year in revenue and the herd would grow as a result."

The society will be the marketing arm of the existing British Deer Farming Association, which has 110 members. The association has been conducting taste trials and sales tests in supermarkets.

An advertising agency has been appointed to suggest a brand name. Venison is still favoured by some members, but "deer meat" or "red meat" seems more likely.



Quiet triumph: Billie Jean King acknowledging the umpire after her win yesterday

Mrs King through to singles semi-final

By Rupert Morris

Mrs Billie Jean King fashioned another stunning Wimbledon record for herself yesterday when she became the oldest player to reach the semi-finals of the women's singles championships for 63 years.

Mrs King, who as Billie Jean Moffitt first flicked on to the Wimbledon stage 22 years ago, and has been six times champion since 1965, finished her match yesterday with a calm walk to the net.

Now aged 39, years have not diminished her enthusiasm and she said afterwards that she felt as fit as ever.

"I retired back in 1975," she said, "but I realized that I missed and enjoyed the game too much and so I went through some tough operations in order to be able to play like I am today."

Mrs King's opponent in the semi-finals will be Andrea Jaeger, aged 18, who had a 6-4, 6-1 win yesterday over her Barbara Potter, her fellow American. Mrs King is also competing in both the women's doubles and the mixed doubles.

Another former champion and Britain's last surviving hope in either singles competition was defeated as successful Virginia Wade, a comparative youngster aged 37, was beaten 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 by the South African, Yvonne Vermaak.

Miss Wade, who was first on to the Centre Court, said afterwards that she had been tired after her three-set match the previous day. But she was one of the most cheerful losers of this Wimbledon, and both she and Mrs King revealed that they were enjoying their tennis more than ever.

In one of the men's quarter-finals, Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, the number three seed, beat Roscoe Tanner of the United States. He now faces either John McEnroe the tournament favourite since Monday's elimination of number one seed Jimmy Connors, or Sandy Mayer.

Jimmy Connors will not be fined for failing to attend a press conference after his defeat by Kevin Carran on Monday.

PLO loyalists killed in raids

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Only hours after pitched battles broke out between Palestinian guerrillas across 20 miles of the Bekaa Valley in Lebanon yesterday, one of the Palestine Liberation Organization officers who have mutinied announced in Damascus that he would fight Mr Yasser Arafat, the PLO leader, "without mercy".

In the most serious outbreak of fighting so far within the PLO, rebels stormed three bases held by Mr Arafat's men during the day, killing - according to a PLO spokesman in the Lebanon - at least 15 loyalists and wounding another 20.

Colonel Abu Saleh called Mr Arafat, his deputy Mr Khalil al-Wazzir (Abu Jihad) and Mr Nayef Hawatmeh of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, "traitors". He added: "They are for the Zionist-Lebanese (withdrawal) agreement, for the recognition of Israel, and consequently they will be punished for their treachery."

Colonel Abu Saleh's unprecedented remarks may have been intended to sabotage the efforts being made by Mr Hawatmeh to repair relations between Mr Arafat and Syria after the PLO chairman's expulsion from Damascus last Friday.

In any event, there was further fighting in the Bekaa Valley yesterday evening, when

BMA stays neutral on the bomb

By Pat Healy

Doctors voted yesterday by more than three to one to take no political stance on the implications of the British Medical Association report on the medical effects of nuclear war.

Instead, its annual conference in Dundee voted overwhelmingly to make the report's findings more widely known and to cooperate with the Government in contingency planning for survival after a nuclear attack.

The decisions took up most of the morning at yesterday's conference, the first to have a chance to discuss the report, which strongly criticized alleged official underestimates of the likely effects of nuclear war and suggested that no health services would be possible in the immediate aftermath.

The conference passed resolutions approving the conclusions of the report, which was produced by the BMA board of science and education, and stating that it demonstrated "the horror which would follow a nuclear attack".

But despite several pleas from doctors that the medical profession should face up to its responsibilities by working to prevent nuclear war, the conference decided to follow the advice of Mr Anthony Graham, chairman of the BMA Council. He told the conference that the BMA's authority to speak on medical issues was unchallenged.

"When we stray from medical issues we do so at our peril. When we get into issues that can be judged as party political then we are setting into very difficult and dangerous waters and our authority is diminished."

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US loan rates unsettle bankers

By Frances Williams and Bailey Morris

Increasing concern in Europe over the course of American interest rates and the impact of any increase on the frail world recovery cast an unwelcome shadow over last night's dinner and reception hosted by the Prime Minister and attended by some of the world's top bankers in honour of Lord Richardson, the retiring governor of the Bank of England.

Some reassurance on US rates came from Mr Paul Volcker, the reappointed chairman of the US central bank, the Federal Reserve Board, who said he was not worried by recent rapid US economic growth. "We like to see expansion," he said.

Many economists have expressed fears that the Fed would try to dampen growth and prevent "overheating" by tightening credit policy and driving up interest rates.

Mr Volcker, in London for last night's dinner, met Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, for nearly an hour yesterday.

They discussed recovery prospects in both countries and touched on the world economic scene, a Treasury spokesman said. But Mr Volcker apparently gave Mr Lawson no assurance on interest rates, and he did not rule out higher rates when he spoke to reporters later.

Mr Volcker's remarks nevertheless helped to calm troubled world financial markets. After surging on expectations that US rates were on their way up, the dollar subsided to finish in London just over a penny higher at 2.5405 Deutsche marks.

The pound, which fell close to \$1.52 at one point, ended the day at \$1.5340, half a cent down, while its index against a basket of leading currencies lost 0.4 to 84.1 per cent of its 1975 level.

In Washington, after speculation that US interest rates would move sharply higher, a growing number of administration officials and private economists predicted that the Open Market Committee of the US central bank would vote to rein in economic growth when it meets on July 12.

This would result in a temporary but significant rise in short term interest rates which the Fed is expected to allow in the interest of moderation the pace of the present buoyant recovery.

Mr David Jones, a Wall Street analyst said: "The recovery is moving at about twice the rate the Fed desires and that is why the central bank appears to be moving to slow the economy."

He agreed with other economists who believe the committee will alter monetary policy significantly next month, by moving from a more relaxed policy to stimulate growth to a tighter, more restrictive one to accommodate moderate growth in the 4 per cent to 5 per cent range.

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Ripper cash condemned by police

Senior police officers in West Yorkshire yesterday joined the public condemnation of Mr Ronald Gregory, their former chief constable, for selling his memoirs of the Yorkshire Ripper case to *The Mail* on Sunday.

Suplt Eric Walker said: "Many of us are quite appalled by what has happened. The relatives of victims and survivors should not have to suffer further."

Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, who has said he wants to find a way of preventing similar incidents is to meet members of the Association of Chief Police Officers next week to discuss some form of control.

Mr Gregory is reported to have received between £40,000 and £50,000 from *The Mail* on Sunday for the articles which started in the newspaper last weekend.

Miners vote on pit closure

A secret ballot of 540 miners at East Herton colliery near Durham, begins at midnight tonight on whether to accept the National Coal Board's decision to close the pit because it is unsafe.

Craftsmen and deputies have accepted the closure and it seems likely that the men will follow reluctantly despite allegations by Mr Arthur Scargill that closure is part of the board's policy to kill the industry.

Computer man's claim blocked

Mr Richard Hughes Williams, a computer expert who claims that British banks owe him at least £2,500 in royalties, was refused leave by the High Court yesterday to pursue his claim in the Court of Appeal.

Mr Williams, of Colwyn Bay, Cwyd, is seeking to appeal against a High Court decision in 1977 dismissing his copyright test case against Lloyds Bank.

Head to resign

Mr John Hunt, aged 51, the first man to be appointed headmaster of Roedean School, Brighton, is resigning after 13 years to research early Dutch settlers in South Africa and manage his family's estate in Fife.

Shadow post

Mr John McWilliam, Labour MP for Blaydon, has been appointed Deputy Shadow Leader of the House of Commons. He succeeds Mr Charles Morris, former MP for Manchester, Openshaw, who did not contest the general election.

Labour councils to meet to coordinate strategy against Tory policies

From Our Correspondent, Sheffield

Labour councils are to meet for a "council of war" in Sheffield on Friday to formulate a strategy to combat the Government's commitments to abolish the metropolitan councils and introduce controls on spending and rating policies.

The meeting has been called by Mr David Blunkett, the leader of Sheffield council. Those likely to attend include representatives from more than 20 Labour authorities including the Greater London Council (GLC), Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Manchester, Sheffield, Merseyside, South Yorkshire, and the Labour-controlled London boroughs.

Mr Blunkett said yesterday that the right to raise and spend money at local level on the quality of services decided by local people through the ballot box was threatened.

He added: "It is vital we learn the lessons of the past and act in a coordinated way to ensure no council is isolated and that resources are pooled for effective action. This is not a rally but a practical working conference to thrash out ideas on how the threat to democracy might best be opposed."

The conference is part of a campaign by the council to obtain its powers on which Sheffield's Labour leaders expect to spend £50,000. The

money will be made available from an emergency publicity budget and councillors who attend the conference and other meetings will be able to claim attendance allowances.

Mr Blunkett said the spending was justified compared to the damage that the Government's spending cuts would cause. He predicts that those policies would lead to a loss of 6,000 city council jobs with more in private firms that rely on council business.

But Mr David Heslop, the Conservative group leader in Sheffield said the campaign was an excellent example of the kind of wasteful spending the Government had a mandate to stop.

GLC 'indulges in too much politics'

Londoners are strikingly ignorant about what the GLC does but are convinced that it indulges in too much "politics", according to the results of an opinion survey published yesterday. (David Walker writes).

The poll, commissioned by the GLC from the Harris Research Centre, found that only 2 per cent of those asked could correctly identify their GLC councillor and many were unsure what services the GLC provided.

However, Mr Kenneth Livingstone, the GLC leader, welcomed the survey finding that people thought the GLC ought to be involved in such services as fire and concessionary fares for pensioners. "Clearly Londoners believe there is a need for a London-wide authority", he said.

A sample of 1,508 Londoners was decided against some of the initiatives introduced by Mr Livingstone and his colleagues in the past two years. Grants to ethnic minorities and women's groups were especially suspect and most wanted the GLC to have no say in running the Metropolitan Police.

About one person in twenty blames Mr Livingstone for their dissatisfaction with the GLC, however, one in 50 spontaneously praise him.

● The main London orchestras are unhappy about the GLC's plans to take direct control of the administration of the Royal Festival Hall and the other South Bank concert halls. Mr Christopher Bishop, managing director of the Philharmonia Orchestra, said in London yesterday (our Arts Correspondent writes).

He said that the orchestras had received an assurance from the council that it aimed to increase audiences by strong marketing

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Falklands tableau in museum

By Henry Stanhope

The Falklands conflict will be enshrined in official military history this week, just over a year after the final assault on Port Stanley, an Argentine position on Mount Longdon, the scene of fierce fighting as British troops approached the island's capital, has been reconstructed in part of a £800,000 extension to the Natural Army Museum in Chelsea.

A tableau shows two soldiers from the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment and the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards examining captured Argentine ordnance which has been flown to the museum from the present garrison on the Falklands.

It is among 25 reconstructions in a new gallery that will be opened today by General Sir John Stanier, Chief of the General Staff. Others include a trench in the First World War, a scene from the Western Desert in the last war and a 1950s National Service barracks room.

Inquiry ordered into Roach case

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, has ordered an investigation into police handling of the Colin Roach case after a complaint to the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, by jurors at the inquest.

Mr Roach, aged 21, died from gunshot wounds at the entrance to Stoke Newington police station, north-east London. Those campaigning over his death called for a "Scarsman-style" public inquiry into the policing of the Stoke Newington and Hackney areas.

The 10 jurors, in a letter to Mr Brittan, say they are satisfied that they fairly reached a verdict of suicide. But they are "deeply distressed at the handling of the case by the police regarding the Roach family. We feel that the bereaved family were kept in the dark over the death of their son and that the police were not sympathetic to the situation. We also feel that the case could have been investigated more professionally and extensively."

In a written House of Commons answer yesterday, Mr Brittan said he was not

persuaded that a public inquiry was desirable or necessary. The Commissioner had arranged, however, for the jury's criticisms to be investigated as a complaint against the police.

Mr Brittan added: "What is needed now in the best interests to good relations between the police and the community in Hackney is for those concerned to sit down together and consider calmly and responsibly how the problems of the area can be handled. I very much hope that it will soon be possible to establish in Hackney police-community consultative arrangements consistent with the guidelines issued by my predecessor."

● West Midlands police said yesterday that newspaper and broadcast reports that its officers had been cleared of blame in the death of James Davey after an incident at Coventry's main police station in March, were speculative.

No decision had yet been taken by the DPP, who had received preliminary advice from counsel and further inquiries were to be made.

Tenants 'do not want their homes'

By Loras Bourke

A high proportion of council tenants would like to become owner-occupiers, but very few of them are interested in buying their council house, according to a survey commissioned by the Building Societies Association.

Forty-five per cent of council tenants would prefer to own their own homes, but only 18 per cent are interested in buying their current rented council house in spite of government incentives to encourage local authority tenants to become owner-occupiers.

There has been a general increase in the preference for owner-occupation, with 77 per cent of those interviewed wanting to buy their own home, compared with 66 per cent in 1967.

The report says: "The survey makes clear that the demand for owner-occupation cannot be satisfied solely through the sale of existing rented houses, and that there will need to be substantial new building of houses for sale."

Most council tenants wanting to continue renting were among the over-55s.

'Loyalists' warned by Prior

From Richard Ford Belfast

"Loyalist" politicians in Northern Ireland were warned yesterday that unless they offered worthwhile functions to the minority, the rise of Provisional Sinn Féin and support for violence would be difficult to contain.

In a stark message to the province's Assembly Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said the general election results revealed a clear division between those supporting violence and those opposed to it.

His speech, a carefully designed package outlining the Government's policy in the province, was a mixture of flattery and warnings to Assembly members delivered in a soporific tone.

● A former British soldier who had associations with known IRA men was jailed yesterday for four years by the anti-terrorist special criminal court in Dublin. Former Irish Ranger Michael Joseph Gorman admitted having unlawful possession of £40,000, £10 notes, a shotgun, and cartridges.

Sale Room

Impressionists excite fierce bidding

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

After 24 hours of selling Impressionist and modern paintings and sculpture as fast as the hammer could fall Christie's demonstrated that fiercely competitive bidding on rare or particularly pretty pictures is paralleled by a total lack of interest in lesser works.

Whether pictures fall one side of the line or the other is a wholly unpredictable gamble.

The Christie's sale of drawings and watercolours yesterday morning was 23 per cent unsold but set auction price records for drawings by two artists.

A brilliantly decadent water-colour by George Grosz entitled "Das Paar" showing a sad, heavily made-up woman with her felt-hatted companion leaning over her shoulder, secured £41,040 (estimate £22,000 to £25,000).

There was also a new auction record price for a richly coloured Emil Nolde water-

colour, "Gänseblümchen, Sonnenblumen und Dahlien", selling at £30,240 (estimate £15,000 to £18,000).

On Monday night, the superb abstract paintings from the Bartos collection totalled £4m, with only two lots, of 2 per cent being unsold. The difference between success and failure was emphasized by two closely related Juan Gris gouaches of 1913 of "Bottle and glass" still lives. The better made £172,800 (estimate £120,000 to £160,000) and the lesser was unsold at £50,000 (estimate £90,000 to £120,000).

Monday night's mixed property sale was 31 per cent unsold but two auction records, for Bonnard at £302,400 (no estimate) and Heckel at £162,000 (estimate £100,000 to £150,000), were set.

At Sotheby's yesterday, fine Chinese export porcelain made £209,440, with 6 per cent

Work hours of young doctors cut

An 80-hour maximum working week is to be introduced for junior hospital doctors, with at least two nights and two weekends off in three. At present, many work more than 100 hours a week.

Recent letters in the medical journal *The Lancet* have said that young doctors can become dangerously over tired, and a medical union said last month that a pregnant trainee doctor had miscarried after working a 75-hour weekend shift with only one hour's rest at a time.

Disclosing the plans for a shorter working week, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Minister for Health, said yesterday: "The desirability of reducing excessive hours for junior doctors has been accepted for a long time. I am glad to say that at long last we are making progress."

The new rota would reduce "the risks that must follow when young doctors are exhausted by excessive continuous hours on duty".

The Department of Health and Social Security has instructed local health authorities that, from July 1, doctors should not work more than one night or weekend in two. They may continue to work longer hours as "internal locum work" to cover for absent colleagues only until January 1, next year.

Mr Clarke added that he intended that, from August 1, no doctor should work more than one night or weekend in three. That would reduce working hours to 80 a week.

A department spokesman said health authorities would be asked to report in the autumn on progress.

Dr Michael Rees, chairman of the National Hospital Junior Staff Committee, which represents the county's 25,000 junior doctors, said: "I welcome these improvements, which are the long-overdue products of a lot of hard negotiating."

Oilmen strike at Sullom Voe

Last-minute talks to avert a strike of 300 maintenance workers at BP's Sullom Voe oil terminal in Shetland failed yesterday.

The strike, over pay differentials, could affect half of Britain's North Sea oil production, which is routed through the terminal. BP said contingency plans had been made and the strike was not expected to have an immediate effect.

Letter calls on car men to accept new hours

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Austin Rover has written to 5,000 assembly workers at Cowley, increasing pressure on them to accept "bell-to-bell" working.

A letter sent to their homes yesterday told the employees that they were now the only workers in the company to refuse to give up "washing-up time" and work a full 39-hour week.

It also held out the carrot of extra bonus payments if they accept the new working practices. The present maximum bonus is £18.75, the letter said, but if they accepted new procedures they would be earning an extra £25 or so.

Mr David Buckle, district secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union dismissed the letter as the company's normal method of imposing new procedures against the workers' will. "It is merely the opening salvo", he said.

He predicted that the next stage would be a deadline for the company to impose the new procedures and that those refusing to work them would be dismissed.

Mr Buckley said the company would probably seek to introduce "bell-to-bell" working next Monday. He will consult shop stewards on the effect on his members of "management propaganda". The car workers lost an average £400 in the four-week strike earlier this year.

Mr Buckley said two mass meetings had overwhelmingly rejected the withdrawal of washing-up time.

"The management are determined to get the workforce to bend to their will through blackmail and intimidation. They would prefer to avoid another major struggle, but in the end they would impose the changes", he said.

THE CRITICS ASK



THE £215M EXTRAVAGANZA?

Science report

Bloodstain clue to hunters' prey

By the Staff of Nature

Dr Thomas Loy, a Canadian scientist from the British Columbia Provincial Museum, has developed a technique that can identify accurately species of animals hunted in prehistoric times from the bloodstains left on the blades of the hunters' stone knives.

The technique relies on the use of haemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying molecule found in the red blood cells. The shape of crystal of haemoglobin varies slightly between animal species. Therefore haemoglobin can be used as a molecular "fingerprint" to identify the animal from which the bloodstain came.

Fortunately, the conditions under which tools tend to be buried provide the right combination of temperature, moisture and acidity to preserve haemoglobin intact. And although blood residues seep off into the surrounding soil with time, Dr Loy found that 90 per cent of 104 tools of between 1,000 and 6,000 years of age had enough haemoglobin to analyse.

His technique begins with a preliminary microscopic examination of the tool to see if any blood is present. Then there is a chemical analysis to check that the blood still contains haemoglobin. If so, Dr Loy crystallizes the molecules out and identifies their species of origin from the three-dimensional shape of the crystal.

The technique has already identified haemoglobin from animals that include moose, caribou, grizzly bears and California sea lions - as well as human blood. It promises to be particularly useful in soils that are too acid for animal bones to have been preserved. It may also be able to provide more positive identification than that based on the presence of hairs or feathers in the vicinity of tools.

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NUR makes first move to the left

From David Felton Bridlington

The National Union of Railwaysmen made the first move towards the left - predicted after the departure of the former right-wing general secretary Mr Sid Weighell - and yesterday endorsed a policy switch in favour of unilateral nuclear disarmament.

Delegates at the union's annual conference at Bridlington backed the appeal of Mr James Knapp, the new secretary, for a change in its policy on nuclear test standstill. Officials said last night that the nuclear issue was only the first of several changes in policy that would gather momentum for the shift to the left.

The move has serious implications for the Labour Party, in which Mr Weighell's right-wing voting has been relied upon by opponents of the left. It now seems unlikely that Mr Knapp will be prepared cast the union's 160,000 block vote for right-wing policies.

He has already told delegates to the conference in Bridlington that he wants them to back Mr Neil Kinnock, in the Labour leadership election.

Poachers 'may try to sell poisoned fish'

Fishery officers said yesterday that poisoned fish may be offered for sale to the public.

A gang of poachers are believed to have killed hundreds of salmon by tipping deadly cyanide into one of the best game fishing rivers in North Wales. Officers said the public should not buy any fish offered cheaply in suspicious circumstances.

River bailiffs found that all life along a quarter-mile stretch of the River Merddach near Dolgellau has been wiped out. Hundreds of young fish were killed as well as about fifty bigger ones.

The poisoning could affect livelihoods of local people who depend on visiting anglers, it is said, to have upset traditional poachers who just catch the occasional fish.

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Farmworker's vital days after surgeons sew back his severed arm

From Alan Hamilton
Aylesbury

Doctors will not know for some days whether the operation in which they sewed back on the severed left arm of Mr Roy Tapping has been a success. The next few days will be critical to see if the arm suffers from blood clotting or infection.

Then the medical team at Stoke Mandeville Hospital will take a complex series of X-ray photographs to determine whether the nerves of Mr Tapping's arm, which was severed below the shoulder, have been torn from his spinal cord. If that is the case, they will consider reamputation because they would not expect the arm to make a full recovery.

Mr Tapping, aged 33, a farm worker, of Oxfordshire, carried his limb for nearly half a mile in search of help after an accident with a hay baling machine on Monday. He is in the intensive care unit of the Aylesbury hospital's renowned plastic surgery unit, recovering from a 10-hour operation in which a team of five surgeons employed advanced microsurgery techniques.

Medical staff who attended Mr Tapping expressed their astonishment and admiration at his courage and presence of mind. He remained conscious until his arrival in hospital, and joked with the ambulance crew on the journey.

Mr Tapping, described by friends as a stocky, well built, fit man and keen cricketer, was operating the baler on Monday afternoon on Mr Richard Markham's Home Farm at Henton, Oxfordshire, where he has worked for 18 years. Mr Edward Monck, who owns the adjoining farm, was working in the outbuildings when he heard his name being called.



Mr Roy Tapping joked through ordeal.

"I opened the door, and there he was. His left arm was obviously amputated, he had chest injuries, and almost all his clothes had been ripped from him. He was remarkably composed and coherent, and was concerned only about how long the ambulance would be and whether we could get him a pair of trousers. I ran to raise the alarm and then came back and lent him against the fence."

"I laid him down and he was still carrying the arm. He was fully conscious and amazingly calm. He seemed embarrassed by the fact that he had nothing on except for his boots."

Within minutes ambulance men, accompanied by a doctor, arrived on the scene and told Mr Monck to get as much ice from his home as he could. Mrs Jean Monck, his wife, emptied all the ice cubes from their freezer. The ambulance men put the arm in a plastic bag with the cubes packed around it for the 10-mile, 25-minute journey to Aylesbury.

Miss Theresa O'Neill, a member of the ambulance crew, said yesterday that Mr Tapping could not stop laughing and

joking all the way to the hospital. She said: "He kept telling me 'my arm is hurting... the one that is missing'."

"He joked all the way. It is quite amazing that someone who had suffered his injuries could have been so lively and high-spirited."

Miss O'Neill added: "He was very shocked, but it was amazing. He could tell us almost everything that had happened except the actual incident. He was most concerned about his mother."

Mr Tapping is unmarried and lives with his parents, who are in their seventies. They were said to be distressed and were being kept under sedation at home yesterday.

Mr Bruce Bailey, senior surgeon at the Stoke Mandeville plastic surgery unit, who led the team of five surgeons and three anaesthetists, said yesterday that Mr Tapping was a healthy man, had lost a minimal amount of blood, and had probably not been in serious danger of losing his life. His state of shock and the damage to his nerves would have deadened much of the pain.

If there is no serious internal injury, it will be between 18 months and two years before the surgeons know for certain that the operation has been a complete success.

Mr Bailey said that because the injury had been a tear rather than a clean cut, the blood loss had been less and the chances of recovery were greater.

He hoped that publicity for the case would encourage any other person who lost a limb in an accident to "pick it up and bring it along". Severed limbs, fingers, toes, or other parts of the body could be saved up to eight hours after an accident if they were kept on a bed of ice chips.



Hearing aid puts deaf on same wavelength

Alice Lutyens (left) who is deaf, enjoying sounds thanks to a radio hearing aid that was launched in London yesterday. With the new unit Alice, aged two and a half, is able to link directly with her teacher, Miss Annette Lambert (above) who wears a transmitter.

The new hearing aid, called a Radio Link Companion, will be available from September at a cost of £600. Education authorities are expected to be the main customers.

Its great advantage is that in a noisy environment, such as a school classroom or a factory, the wearer can cut out or reduce background noise at will so as to make hearing easier.

The makers, Cubex, believe that the aid is a vital step forward to help deaf people to lead a normal life. One patient has been able to keep his job as an expert witness by using the new aid with a direct link to the judge and barristers. (Photographs: John Manning.)

raise staff pay by 22%

Shop staff at Selfridges in Oxford Street, London, have won a 22.3 per cent pay rise, more than triple the national average.

The deal puts staff with more than six months service on £100 a week or more and topples Harrods from its position as the highest payer of shop workers. Its present minimum is £91.53 a week.

Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, deputy chairman and chief executive of Sears Holdings, which owns Selfridges, said: "We wanted to lift the minimum pay to around £100 a week. It's very difficult for young people coming into London to work to manage on between £85 and £90."

Mr Denis Crowe, of Incomes Data Report, an independent pay research organization, said that although the deal represented a 22.3 per cent increase in minimum pay levels, many of the Selfridges staff were already getting above the minimum.

The store has been recruiting staff at £90 a week since last November so that the effective increase would be 11 per cent for them.

"There is competition between the major retail stores in the centre of London to recruit the best staff and this is reflected in attempts to offer the best pay," Mr Crowe said.

Until now Harrods and Marks and Spencer have been among the best payers for shopworkers.

Mr Alec Craddock, chairman and managing director of Harrods, said: "We settled on an 8 per cent increase across the board to reward our more long-serving members."

A youth aged 18 starting at Harrods would get a minimum of £88 a week basic which is reviewed after six months. Pay is then based on ability, but likely to rise to between £91.53 and £98.85.

The new £100-a-week minimum for non-catering staff at Selfridges means increases of £19.29 a week, backdated to April. Catering workers have also gained big increases as high as 17.7 per cent for staff with more than six months service, with a new basic minimum of £93 a week.

The deal was negotiated by the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers. Mr Terence Sullivan, its national officer, who led the negotiations, said that the experienced catering worker could also earn £100 a week including Saturday working

£1,900m is spent on holidays

By Our Transport Editor

British holidaymakers will spend nearly £1,900m on package holidays this year, 18.7 per cent more than last year, Civil Aviation Authority estimates. Thomson still heads the list by a big margin with nearly a million holidays on offer, compared with 721,000 for the next largest Silverwing (British Airways package operation).

In all, Britain's air travel organizers (who must be authorized by the Civil Aviation Authority) will offer 7,900,000 package holidays this year, an increase of 900,000, or 12.3 per cent over last year's figure.

How many will make a profit is another matter. In an analysis of last year's results, the CAA finds that nine of the top thirty made losses of £9m on a turnover of £202.2m. But the top 30 as a whole made a £27.7m profit (down 47 per cent on 1981) on a combined turnover of £1,299.5m (27 per cent more). This year's top 10 on the basis of holidays authorized by the CAA are:

COMPANY	1982	1981
Thomson TV	926,791	888,081
Silverwing Surface Arrangements	721,000	658,000
British Holidays	529,550	522,857
Horizon Holidays	481,000	428,000
Bank TV (Italy Owners Serv)	316,000	254,296
Corona	292,000	258,000
Saga Holidays	252,830	222,000
The Ship Sale	175,000	191,000
Global of Land (Tours & TV)	159,009	136,000
Thomas Cook		

Decision later on kidnap appeal

The Court of Appeal reserved judgment yesterday, on an appeal by Ian Michael Daily, of New Zealand, against his conviction of kidnapping his daughter aged six. It is believed to be the first case of its kind.

Daily, aged 43, had been given a two-year suspended sentence at the Central Criminal Court for kidnapping, false imprisonment, and contempt of court orders by taking the child out of Britain and the control of his estranged wife.

Council staff end strike

More than 500 council workers at Merthyr Tydfil, Mid-Glamorgan, yesterday voted to end a strike that has stopped burials, rubbish collections, and the meals-on-wheels service for nearly a week.

Union leaders said that work would resume today and they hoped talks could reopen with the council on the dispute, which started over the appointment of a part-time burials officer at the council's leisure centre.

Hikers warned after killing

Police officers investigating the killing of a student in the Derbyshire Peak District yesterday warned women not to walk on the moors alone.

Susan Renhard, aged 21, of West Hagley, near Stourbridge, West Midlands, was found strangled on Monday near the village of Castleton. Her hands were tied and some of her clothes torn off. They believe she was sexually assaulted.

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March of microsurgery

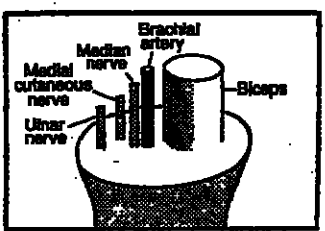
By Peter Wright
Science Editor

The replacement of Mr Tapping's arm shows the immense strides that have occurred in microsurgery. Ten years ago the operation would have been impossible.

It is too soon to assess the prospects for a full recovery of Mr Tapping's arm. The degree of success depends on the level of damage to the arm, the length of time before it is replaced, and the age and general condition of the patient.

It is necessary to have an X-ray examination of the parts and study them to identify blood vessels, nerves, tendons, and muscles. The next step is to get the bone fixed and the main blood vessels connected. When the circulation is restored work begins on reconnecting nerves and muscles. Time is critical in restoring circulation to muscles.

Under a microscope surgical thread invisible to the naked eye is used to join vessels half a



millimetre in diameter. The surgery is speeded by the use of multi-headed microscopes.

With modern methods for microsurgery, bundles of nerve fibres can be aligned in the correct way instead of just stitching together the outer sheaths without being able to ensure their orientation.

Success depends ultimately on a regeneration of nerve fibres to restore control and feeling to the limb.

Another crucial element for such long surgery, and the 10 hours for Mr Tapping is by no means the longest, is an expert team.

Other surgeons yesterday expressed admiration for the achievement of Mr Bailey's team. One aspect that astonished even experienced surgeons is the circumstances that must have prevented Mr Tapping collapsing with fatal haemorrhage.

Mr Larry Jarvis, aged 54, who underwent a six-hour operation to sew back his right arm at the Stonehouse Military Hospital last September after it was caught in a conveyor belt at a cement works in Plymouth, said last night the surgery was a miracle. Like Mr Tapping he was on his own when the arm was torn off.

Mr Gary Bridgstock, aged 36, who lost his left arm while working at a quarry at Laxton, Northamptonshire, two years ago and who underwent 12 hours of surgery to save it, advised Mr Tapping not to be disheartened. "Recovery seems slow", he said, "but I have still got my arm."

Channel 4 decides to try a lighter touch

By Kenneth Gossling

Channel 4 has decided not to take any more programmes in the *Report to the Nation* series, presented by Sir Mervyn Fildes, former chairman of the British Steel Corporation.

The first series of the monthly, 90-minute Sunday documentaries ends in two months and Channel 4 denied yesterday that it was ending the programmes, which had not done well in the ratings, in order to concentrate more

money and resources on entertainment.

Mr Michael Peacock, of Video Arts, the company producing the programme which began at the inception of Channel 4 last November, said:

"It was always intended that the series should run for some years. We never had any complaints about the quality of the programme; we were told Channel 4 had to save money so as to release funds for more entertainment programmes."

GLC cellars warning

By Tony Samstag

The London Boroughs Association is seeking powers to force householders to strengthen vaults and cellars where they believe it necessary. They are worried by progressive deterioration of many thin ceilings under busy roads, made worse by the pounding they receive from heavy lorries. The association has asked the Greater London Council to act

after several collapses in Kensington and Chelsea.

The association wants provisions "to give boroughs the power to require the reopening of vaults bricked up without the borough's consent; to specify the standards for infilling work and retaining walls supporting the public highway; and to recharge owners the cost of carrying out works in default", a meeting agreed earlier this month.

£380,000 award for crash boy

Nicholas Allen, aged eight, a car crash victim, was awarded damages of £380,000 by the High Court in London yesterday for "devastating" injuries which wrecked his life. He was made a spastic by brain damage in the accident when he was aged three and a half.

Doctors believe that he will never be able to walk or communicate verbally and will have to be looked after for the rest of his life.

The agreed damages were believed to be the highest award by an English court for personal injuries in a road accident.

Mr Justice Popplewell ordered that £100,000 should be paid within two weeks to the boy's parents, Mr Brian Allen and his wife, Mrs. Celia, to help in the care of their son at their home in Harrison Drive, Goostray, Crewe, Cheshire.

The judge praised the couple for their courage. "The way they have coped with this disaster and the efforts they have made obviously been of considerable help in the rehabilitation."

Experts caught napping by 'cowboy' builders

From Our Correspondent, Leamington

Two consumer watchdogs have started a campaign to warn people against "cowboy" builders after becoming victims themselves.

Mr Charles Hicks, head of the West Midlands consumer services department, and his chief officer, Mr Jim Potts, are embarrassed by the incidents. But Mr Potts said: "It just proves that anyone can fall victim to these sharp operators. We are all off guard in our homes and these people can be very persuasive. It's not just glibble fools who get taken in."

Mr Hicks paid £50 in advance to a man who knocked on his door and offered to repair the roof. He found out a shoddy job had been done only when it rained.

Mr Hicks's department also warns householders against forcible salesmen. One woman let a salesman into her house at 7pm and at 1.45am he was still there. She signed a contract to get rid of him and could not get out of it.

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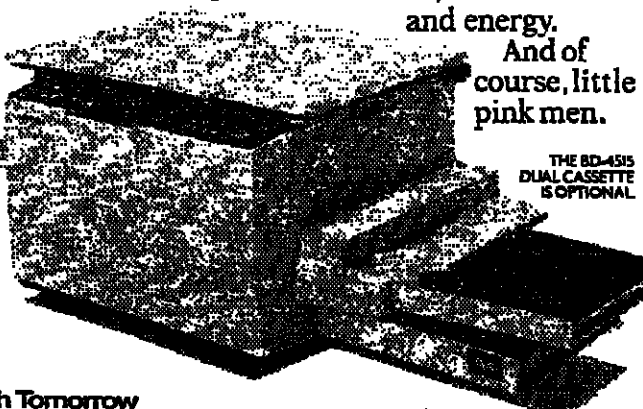
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Howe says bluster will not reduce arms

QUEEN'S SPEECH

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the new Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, in his first speech to the Commons since his appointment to that office, said it had to be made clear to the Russians that it was only by negotiation and not by threats and bluster that they would get arms reductions. If the Soviet Union was serious it would abandon the shadow of negotiations and concentrate on the substance in the conference chamber.

Earlier Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, resuming the debate on the Queen's Speech said that in the past the arms race, although an intolerable waste of money, had not particularly increased the risks of war. That was no longer true. Weapon systems were now being developed which might offer the prospect of a successful first strike. He called for a nuclear arms freeze.

Mr Healey, opening the debate, moved an amendment to the address regretting the unconditional commitment in the Queen's Speech to the deployment this year of Cruise missiles in Britain and the continuation of the Trident programme, which would jeopardize the possibility of any agreement on nuclear disarmament.

It also regretted that the Government's failure to secure changes in the Common Agricultural Policy and the European Community budget would impair the prospect of constructive relations with Britain's European partners.

The amendment added that the Government's refusal to support adequate action for international economic recovery condemned the world to continuing mass unemployment, weakened co-operation with developing countries and put the world's peace at risk.

He congratulated Sir Geoffrey Howe on his new office as Foreign Secretary but said he deeply regretted the circumstances in which he had assumed the office. His predecessor, Mr Francis Pym, had shown courage in pressing Britain's interests on a Prime Minister who was always reluctant to acknowledge opinions which were different from his own.

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Labour's amendment focused on three main areas: the crisis in the western economies and the process of disarmament. There were other matters of perhaps equal importance. The crisis in southern Africa was one, and the Government's decision to rely on South Africa to provide a base for building a military airfield in the Falklands was bound to be seen by the friends of apartheid all over the world as a signal of support, if not surrender.

The survey, of 40 preparatory and 40 public schools, will also include the girls' independent schools by the time it is published. It is being undertaken by a joint committee of the Headmasters' Conference, the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, and the Girls' Schools Association.

Preliminary analysis of the findings shows that at least one O level science is required of every level in public schools and that in almost all schools it is

There were also grave problems in the Middle East where the breakdown of the so-called Reagan plan had greatly damaged western influence in all the Arab world and given the Soviet Union a key role in negotiations for a lasting settlement to play whenever Moscow thought the time was right.

The Prime Minister had grossly misled the House last week on the Stargate summit when she said she had achieved a settlement of the British rebate this year separate from the longer term arrangement. I do not accuse her (he said) of wilfully misleading the House but simply of a selective amnesia, a refusal to hear or notice anything disagreeable to her.

Chancellor Kohl, the chairman at Stargate, for instance, had said the proposal for a British rebate, barely half of what the Prime Minister had said, was a selective amnesia, a refusal to hear or notice anything disagreeable to her.

That meant in practice an increase in over resources which would be essential once Spain and Portugal joined and even more essential if there was not a draconian cut in EEC spending. The French Prime Minister had been even more specific.

Nothing (Mr Healey went on) has yet been decided about the British rebate. All these matters will come up in Athens in December. Should there be no solution there of all the financial problems, and others, the President of the European Assembly has made clear that it is likely, whatever governments may then agree, that the Assembly will block the budget in which the United Kingdom rebate is included.

Against these events (he continued) it is not surprising Mr Pym should regard the Prime Minister's statement and answers to questions last week as being in any sense wholly candid. She was wrong again and again in saying the agreement on the rebate was unconditional.

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Labour's amendment focused on three main areas: the crisis in the western economies and the process of disarmament. There were other matters of perhaps equal importance. The crisis in southern Africa was one, and the Government's decision to rely on South Africa to provide a base for building a military airfield in the Falklands was bound to be seen by the friends of apartheid all over the world as a signal of support, if not surrender.

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work to ensure that, the islands had a viable economic future. The verdict of the British nation could not have been clearer on the future of the European Community. The electorate had given overwhelming support to staying in and not to a success of British membership. It had rejected the sterile alternative of withdrawal.

He hoped that the signs of fresh thinking by those contending the right to lead the Labour Party meant that there, too, the message was beginning to be understood.

The Government would set out with confidence to do what the British people overwhelmingly wanted them to do: make a success of British membership and to play a leading role in reshaping the Community for the next phase of its existence.

The election campaign had marked a change in the climate of discussion in Britain which had come at a critical moment for the Stargate summit. That in turn had marked an important stage in development of the Community as a whole.

The settlements on budget reform since 1980 had been worth £2,500m to Britain, but the focus must be on the long term. Finding a lasting solution to recurring financial problems which affected not just Britain but the Community as a whole.

That was the importance of Stargate and why the Opposition amendment was misconceived and untimely.

The negotiation now launched to settle major problems which had been the Community's first task for too long would tackle precisely the points mentioned in the Labour amendment, the twin problems of the budget and the CAP.

The Government had its own ideas how the budget arrangements should be overhauled and in particular would like a safety net built into the Community finances so that no member state would bear a burden disproportionate to its gross national product and its relative prosperity.

They should not be misled by the attractive simplicity of the phrase "own resources" which could only be increased at the expense of resources by somebody else, some other institution, to the same source of resources - the pockets of taxpayers or consumers throughout the Community. Existing arrangements, he said, were not working.

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He hoped that President Reagan's initiative could still offer a way forward in the Middle East dispute. But Britain would continue to take the active role which her interests and history dictated in searching for a solution.

The most important need for developing countries was to find markets for their goods. The key to improving their market prosperity was sustained and non-inflationary growth in the industrialized countries. But for some developing countries, especially the poorest, and remained a necessity. Britain would recognize the special claims of countries with whom she had particularly close links.

Our approach (he said) would remain one of vigorous promotion of British and British interests. Our aim is security and prosperity both for ourselves and for others. It is upon the basis of a realistic assessment of our needs and of our capacity that this Government will seek to further those aims.

Mr Roy Jenkins (Glasgow, Hillhead, SNP) said one of the few beneficial outcomes of the election was that it had finally settled the issue of the permanence of Britain's EEC membership.

The Community may not arouse great enthusiasm in the country but there was a growing feeling that to come out would have devastating effects on jobs and investment.

If in future (he said) the Labour Party is ever to come near showing signs of recovery, it must first show that it is serious about its programme. Either way the issue is settled.

This new permanence could have a great bearing upon Britain's influence within the Community, too.

The settlement this year of £437m was substantially less than the Prime Minister had talked about before Stargate and less than the figures for other countries. But during the four years from 1980 as a whole a 65.4 per cent refund was a good outcome and the Prime Minister had been right to accept it.

She was also right to insist that the settlement should now stand on its own. For other reasons, she argued, Britain did not get it unless she agreed to X or Y was unreasonable and rather squallid. At the same time the Government must want this year's saga of the Community to be an end to it.

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Labour told to go back to the drawing board

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Labour Party should go back to the drawing board, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said when the debate on the Queen's Speech was resumed in the House of Lords.

Unless they could rehabilitate the picture of their party as the legitimate successors of the party of Asquith and Bevin and of Bevan and Stafford Cripps, they would go down gradually to a dwindling and extremist rump and the mantle of constructive opposition would fall on the shoulders of the Liberal Party and the SDP, he said.

Lord Hailsham said he spoke as the oldest member of the new administration. He had spoken in every general election since 1924 and had considerable experience of being on the losing side.

He went on: However one views the result of the last election, and without belittling the achievement of the Prime Minister and the effect of the double faults served by some senior members of the Labour Party in the course of the campaign, one cannot avoid confronting the fact that the effect of the election was a Labour manifesto which surely was one of the most inept political documents of our time because of its extremism and inconsistency and because it failed to achieve the very purpose it was designed to achieve.

The battle for recovery and the campaign against unemployment must now go forward, he said. The Government believed quite simply that the best way to create jobs was to make Britain the most efficient industrial country in the western world.

He did not regard unemployment as a single problem or a single evil. On the contrary it was a complex problem consisting of a large number of interconnected factors requiring a battery of policies to defeat it and to recover from it.

All the talk (he said) about capitalism and lack of competition is pure self-delusion. We aim at improving the society in which we live.

We must stop living in the past and try to evaluate the consequences of the social revolution which has taken place in our time. Without a sound economic policy we will not be able to sustain our momentum.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, a former Labour Lord Chancellor, said that as when capital punishment was debated in 1974, the restoration of hanging would risk retaliatory violence and ruthless reprisals by IRA terrorists against British soldiers in Northern Ireland. It was more representative of Members of Parliament to beat the drums of terrorism in any case were

products and others competitive products. Mr Foot: Did she say in the manifesto that recovery would be patchy and thin? Mrs Thatcher: There are many speeches with references to "patchy" which originated with me.

Viscount Cranborne (South Dorset, C): Has she noticed press reports about the United States Supreme Court decision about unitary taxation? Will she agree that it is likely to lead to all sorts of disadvantages for foreign companies in the United States and will she make representation to our American allies about the consequences?

Mrs Thatcher: Unemployment figures come out once a month and the next lot is due on June 30. The last figure was 3,049,000.

Mr Foot: There have been announcements of 10,000 people having lost their jobs since the election, 2,800 on Merseyside, a very serious development. Did she not discuss the matter with the CBI yesterday? Did she agree with the CBI that signs of recovery were patchy and thin? How does that accord with what she said on the same subject in her election manifesto?

Mrs Thatcher: If Mr Foot follows my speech he will realize that as I spoke to the CBI at dinner, the expression "signs of recovery are patchy" came from me. This is so and is bound to be so as so-called firms go ahead faster than others and some have obsolete

unlithely to be deterred by capital punishment as the hunger strikes by convicted members of the IRA in 1981 had shown. That had been of considerable propaganda benefit to the IRA; how much greater would that have been if a British hangerman had hanged them.

There were two further considerations. First, the danger of inflicting a terrible and irrevocable punishment on the wrong person. There had been fatal judicial errors in the past; human judgment was not infallible and errors could occur again.

The second factor that had influenced him against the death penalty was his experience in court which showed that such as the disabled, and mentally handicapped, but for the rest there should be more consumers and less state sovereignty.

The aim was to reduce the dependence of people on the state. There were those who were naturally of such a nature as the disabled, and mentally handicapped, but for the rest there should be more consumers and less state sovereignty.

The Bishop of London (the Rt Rev Graham Leonard) said the Church welcomed the amendments which had been made in the Commons to the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill. They were particularly glad of the decision to amend the clause relating to confidential information and documents which would help them to improve relations with the police rather than impair them.

Nevertheless, that same expressed but one aspect of their concern about the Bill and there were still matters to be considered. An independent complaints service was needed to restore public trust between the police and the community was to be encouraged where it existed and restored where it had been lost.

The problem of the Bill was not how it would be applied by the majority of the police throughout the land but how it would be applied by a minority of police in specific parts of the country.

Lord Ogmore (L), in a maiden speech, said he hoped the Government would continue their commitment to the state system of education as well as to private education.

Lord Wells-Pestell (Lab) said the Government's policy had been a successful one for those who were better off in the community and certainly not those who were struggling to keep their heads above water.

On the general election result, he said: It may be we in the Labour Party got what we asked for. It may have been a victory - I hope it has - on the Labour Party Government supporters in the Lords have a duty to watch very carefully the policies and Bills, and what those Bills mean, when they come before the House.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes, I agree. There is nothing unusual in a large number of trade unionists voting Conservative. We would never have been in government as often as we have unless that had been so. I hope they will continue to do so.

Mrs Thatcher: As regards the building of the new airport in the Falkland Islands, the arrangements made for people to get there to fulfil that contract are purely commercial. If it is suggesting that we have no commercial relations with South Africa whatsoever, may I remind him that we have 10,000 jobs at stake in the United Kingdom.

Timber-frame houses

Mr Allan Roberts (Routh, Lab) made an unsuccessful application for an emergency debate on the use of the timber frame system in the construction of dwellings and what he said were the revelations of serious dangers and defects in this system made by Granada television's *World in Action* programme.

There were accusations of serious fire risks and the Government should be forced to prevent the continued use of the system at least until the Building Research Association's survey had been published in full. The need for the debate was urgent because the Government may be involved in some kind of cover-up.

Hughes: S Africa deal as insult to those who died

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. Representations to our allies on disarmament are usually made on the vehicle of a double taxation agreement. We shall continue to make those representations and others when appropriate.

Sir Paul Bryan (Bosworth, C) said earlier: The results of the recent general election suggest that a large number of trade unionists voted Conservative. Does that indicate their agreement with the industrial relations Acts of 1980 and 1982 over which their leaders made such a fuss?

Latin continues its long decline in the public schools

By Lacy Hodges, Education Correspondent

A survey of independent schools to be published this autumn is expected to show that Latin has been relegated to an optional subject and that science has taken its place as compulsory for all boys aged eight to sixteen. That finding, based on a sample survey of 80 boys' preparatory and public schools, represents the great change in the curriculum of independent schools since the war.

The remark, by Lord James that one had to go to a very good school indeed to avoid doing science is no longer true. Science is considered part of the core curriculum at all preparatory and public schools.

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and drama which still regarded as fringe subject.

Mr Martin Rogers, chief master of King Edward's School, Birmingham, and chairman of the curriculum committee, sees the promotion of the arts as crucial. He said they have had a low profile in boys' public schools and are in danger of being pushed out further by the pressure of examinations and the lack of sufficient funds.

Research links

Universities must forge closer research links with industry to help to boost the economy, the Advisory Council for Applied Research and Development and the Advisory Board for the Research Councils said a report to the Government yesterday (the Press Association reports). It criticizes the reluctance of industry and the higher education institutions to cooperate, which it said was vital if Britain was to benefit from its strong science and technology base.

The report added that the universities and polytechnics should make the first moves, but government funds should be made available to help them work with industry.



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Teenagers still most likely to divorce

By Kenneth Goeling

The higher divorce rate in the past decade has affected marriages of every category but the teenage bride and groom remain most vulnerable, according to new figures.

In its quarterly journal the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys says that there were more than 145,000 divorces in 1981. If that rate continued, a little fewer than three in five marriages in which the groom was a teenage bachelor were likely to end in divorce. One in two marriages of teenage brides would be over by the thirtieth anniversary.

The figures show that the proportion of teenage marriages that end in divorce is twice that for those who marry between the ages of 20 and 24.

Those who remarry after divorce are almost twice as likely to divorce again.

The chance that the remarriage of a divorced man will end in divorce is 10 per cent greater than that of a woman who remarries at the same age.

The survey confirms for the first time in British statistics, previously reached in the United States, that the chance of a divorced man's remarriage

Women, with their greater life expectancy, outnumber men at all ages higher than about fifty and generally two thirds of people over retirement age are women. The total number of people aged 85 and over is expected to increase for the next 40 years.

ending the same way is one and a half times that of a single man marrying at the same age. Divorced women are twice as likely to divorce again as her single counterpart of the same age.

Finally, there is confirmation of the seven-year itch. The survey says teenage marriages that failed between 1980-81 lasted only nine or ten years, while those who married in their twenties and thirties stayed together another three years, and continues: "In contrast, the length of marriage ending in divorce for those who married after a previous divorce varies very little with age at remarriage, the median duration being around seven years for both men and women."

Population Trends 32 (Summer 1983) Stationery Office, £4.

Malawi goes to the polls today amid signs of struggle for succession

From Michael Hornsby Lilongwe, Malawi

Malawi goes to the polls today and tomorrow after nearly three months of unusual political turmoil in a country that for years has been a byword for stability under the autocratic and idiosyncratic rule of Life President Dr Hastings Kamuzu Banda, one of the few pre-independence African leaders still in power.

Recent events here are widely seen as signals, admittedly obscure and confused, of a struggle behind the scenes for the succession to Dr Banda, who could well be in his 80s. (The official biography puts his age at 77, but claims no precision in the matter, saying that he was born "in about 1906".)

Malawi (formerly known as Nyasaland) gained full independence from Britain in 1964, and since then Dr Banda, who was a general practitioner in Britain for many years, has pursued a pragmatic, pro-West foreign policy, and is the only African statesman to have exchanged ambassadors with South Africa.

Although Malawi's six million inhabitants are, in terms of per capita wealth, among the poorest in the world, the country is more than self-sufficient in food.

The present tension can be traced to the return to Malawi from exile on Christmas Eve, 1981, of Dr Orton Chirwa, a former Justice Minister and

leader of the banned Malawi Freedom Movement (MFM), and his wife, Vera, in circumstances still not fully explained.

Dr Chirwa was one of six senior ministers who fled abroad after rebelling unsuccessfully against Dr Banda on a number of issues, including the slow pace of Africanization of the civil service, within a few months of independence. It was the last serious threat to Dr Banda's authority. Since 1966 the country has been a constitutional one-party state, though elections permit some choice between party candidates.

According to some reports, Dr Chirwa was lured back to Malawi on a promise of rehabilitation. Other sources believe he and his wife were kidnapped by Malawian agents. In any event, they were both detained and held under house arrest for many months before being tried and sentenced to death for treason on May 5 this year.

The trial was held before tribal chiefs and without the presence of a defence counsel in the Blantyre Traditional Court. The traditional courts were established by Dr Banda in 1969, and as Minister of Justice he decides which cases go before them. Their verdicts cannot be overturned by appeal to the parallel system of justice inherited from Britain. Instead, the Chirwas have

lodged an appeal with the National Traditional Appeal Court, the summit of the tribal system.

The sentencing of the Chirwas was preceded at the end of March by the assassination in Zimbabwe of Dr Attati Mpakati, the leader of the Socialist League of Malawi, another banned and exiled opposition group.

Two weeks after the end of the Chirwa trial Mr Dick Matenje and two other senior Cabinet ministers, Mr Aaron Gadama and Mr John Sangala, died in what the Government insists was a car accident near Mwanza, close to Malawi's south-western border with Mozambique. Both Mr Matenje and Mr Gadama had figured in speculation about the succession to Dr Banda.

Mr Matenje held the key position of secretary-general of the ruling Malawi Congress Party (MCP). In the event of the President's death or incapacity the secretary-general and two cabinet ministers nominated by the MCP's national executive committee rule as a triumvirate until a successor has been chosen by a full-party convention.

Dr Banda's preferred choice for the succession is widely rumoured to be Mr John Tembo, governor of the Malawi Reserve Bank.



S African government offices bombed

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Two bomb blasts early yesterday caused extensive damage to government offices in the centre of Roodepoort, near Johannesburg.

No one was hurt in the explosions which came just over a month after the huge car bomb attack by the African National Congress (ANC) on the Air Force headquarters in Pretoria which killed 19 people and injured more than 200. The ANC is believed to have

been responsible for yesterday's blasts which are thought to have been timed to coincide with the twenty-eighth anniversary this week of the signing of the freedom Charter which offered the South African Government a negotiated, non-violent settlement with its black majority.

The two blasts yesterday in Roodepoort went off shortly after midnight. Police said the bombs were placed outside the first floor offices of the

western Transvaal bureau of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

CAPE TOWN: Mr Oscar Mpeha, aged 74, an aging trade unionist expected to die within two years, was sentenced yesterday to five years in prison on a terrorism charge, AP reports.

He was convicted of inciting a crowd to demonstrate and sing protest songs in August 1980, during riots in a black township near Cape Town.

No highway: Three people died and a man and two women were seriously injured when this bridge collapsed in Connecticut early yesterday. The 100ft east-bound section of Interstate 95, the main highway to New York City, fell into the Mianus river near Greenwich hurling lorries and cars into the water. Police were yesterday searching the river for bodies trapped in vehicles. They said they had no idea why the bridge collapsed.

Aid abducted by rebels in Sudan

Nairobi (Reuters) - Five foreign aid workers in Sudan have been kidnapped by a self-styled secessionist group, diplomatic sources said here yesterday.

The aid workers were kidnapped last Thursday in the Borna national park in southern Sudan by a group calling itself the Liberation Front of Southern Sudan.

Those abducted were two Americans, a Canadian, a Dutch national and a West German. Their names were not immediately available.

Sudan has a long history of tension between its mainly Christian south and Muslim north. The south waged a rebellion against the north from 1955 to 1972.

Last month the Sudanese Government said it had put down a mutiny in the south in which 70 rebellious soldiers were killed.

In April a group of foreign and local aid workers were taken hostage by the Tigre People's Liberation Front in Ethiopia and released earlier this month.

The sources said negotiations were going on between embassies of the nationals concerned and their captors but could give no further details.

The park is just to the west of the Ethiopian border in the south-eastern corner of Sudan, about 200 miles east of the southern provincial capital of Juba.

Cuba ready to discuss emigration

From Bernard Gwertzman (New York Times) Washington

Cuba has informed the United States that it is willing to discuss the return of some of the Cubans who came to this country illegally in 1980, but only as part of overall negotiations on normalization of emigration between the two countries, according to Administration officials.

Cuba, in a formal note delivered on June 17, in effect spurned an official request from Washington to take back unconditionally a few thousand undesirable from the 125,000 Cubans who emigrated by boat from the Cuban port of Mariel in 1980. Most of them were Cubans who are now in American prisons or mental institutions.

The American Note said that until Cuba agreed to their return, the United States would continue to refuse immigration visas to Cubans who did not have close relatives who were American citizens.

In its counterproposal the Cuban Foreign Ministry told the American interests section in Havana that Cuba was ready to discuss conditions for normalization of migration between the countries.

If the United States was ready to discuss this on a basis of absolute equality and mutual respect, it said, the Cuban Government would accept such an initiative.

New victim of shake-up in Rangoon

Rangoon (AFP)-Major General Tin Sein, recently appointed minister of the newly-created Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, has resigned from his Cabinet post along with several other High-ranking officials, according to the Burma News Agency.

The agency said Burma's powerful State Council also accepted the resignations of Brigadier General Myo Aung, Quartermaster General and former commander of the Rangoon Command, and Colonel Kan Nyunt, the military intelligence chief.

These unexplained resignations coming after last month's ousting of Brigadier General Tin Oo, a key figure in the Burmese leadership, have been gradually increasing in recent weeks, in what analysts saw as a big Government shake-up.

The latest series of resignations has brought the total number of office holders who have left their various government posts, or whose services have been terminated, to nine.

The number is expected to rise until the special People's Congress (parliament) session set for July 22 gets underway. General Tin Oo, aged 55, until last month one of the most powerful figures in Burma after President Ne Win, was suddenly dropped from his official positions.

Shultz arrives to Indian criticism of envoy

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr George Shultz, the American Secretary of State, arrives in India today and that India's relations have suddenly taken a turn for the worse.

As chairman of the Non-Aligned Movement, Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, may feel it inappropriate for her to be seen cuddling up too close to the Americans, and India is still sore about the massive injections of sophisticated weaponry being acquired by Pakistan.

But whatever the reason, when Mr Shultz steps off his aircraft at Palam airport he will walk into an atmosphere suddenly soured by what appears to be an orchestrated campaign against Mr Harry Barnes, the American Ambassador here.

Mr Barnes, a reasonably wise career diplomat, gave an interview to two Indian journalists as part of the run-up to the Secretary of State's visit. He was pressed to explain why the United States had admitted the leaders of the Khalistan movement - expatriate extremists campaigning for an independent Sikh state to be carved out of Punjab.

Mr Barnes explained that America was an open, democratic society and allowed all kinds of political extremists to explain their views there, just like in India. "There were some people coming to India, for instance," he said, "to advocate a separate, independent Puerto Rico. But we do not go around complaining."

It sounds reasonable, but perhaps an experienced career diplomat should have known that the Indians would resent the analogy. Punjab is an integral part of the union of India, and its richest state. Puerto Rico is - in Non-Aligned terms - a colonial appendage. The Puerto Ricans referred to came to Delhi as delegates to the Non-Aligned summit, and even if the Government had wished other-

wise that could not have been presented. Members of the ruling Congress (I) Party in Parliament have protested vociferously about the comparison. The Delhi municipal council has mounted a campaign against the Ambassador.

Even Mrs Gandhi lent fuel to the fire by appearing to criticize the Ambassador when she returned from her trip to Europe last week.

The communist parties have of course had a field day, going so far as to suggest that the statement betrays official though covert support for the Khalistan movement.

Yesterday Mr Barnes felt constrained to issue a clarifying statement. He said: "I feel very distressed over the controversy. I was only commenting on the question which I understood to refer to the exercise of free speech in the United States and India. I was not drawing any analogy and any such interpretation is therefore incorrect."

Mr Barnes also announced a donation of 250,000 rupees (£165,000) to the Prime Minister's relief fund in response to the flood devastation in areas of Gujarat.

The dispute will be allowed to die down soon, but the fact that it had been allowed to develop with patent official encouragement is a sign of how fragile relations are.

A good deal of progress on substantive issues of difference between the two largest democracies will need to be made during Mr Shultz's short visit.

It is widely expected, for example, that some formula for providing spare parts to the Tarapur nuclear power plant, held up by the US since 1978 over what happens with the reprocessing of spent fuel, will come out of the visit. But also needed is progress on alleviating US opposition to India's attempt to get concessional aid from the Asian Development Bank and other agencies.

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The Italian general election

Ruling party at 30-year low

From Peter Nichols
Rome

Signor Ciriaco de Mita, secretary of the governing Christian Democratic Party, which suffered a serious setback in the weekend's general election, is due today to hear the views of his immediate colleagues on what the press widely describes as a political earthquake.

The fact that the country's leading party lost six percentage points to reach the lowest point of its three decades of power, is a spectacular change.

As soon as the results were known there was talk of an extraordinary national congress to review the party's position and examine at least the possibility of a change in the secretaryship. Signor de Mita did not reject the idea in informal comments yesterday.

He said: "I may have been inadequate in putting over a policy which I believe to be the right one. This policy was not mine personally and was not just an invention. It was called for by the country."

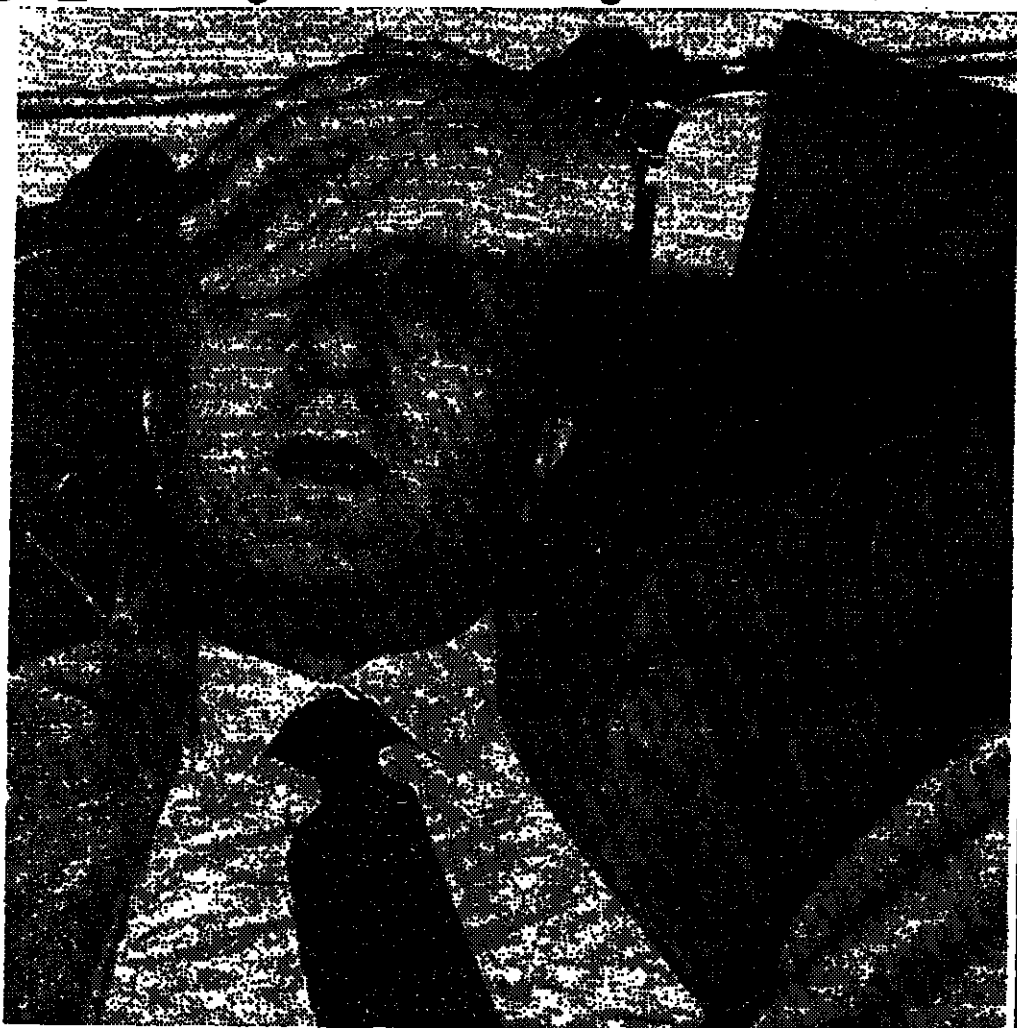
"It was a request for change which came as well from you journalists, and we as a party responded to it. Now one might think that the demand had been put forward simply for the sake of doing so."

He is expected to summon his party's national executive for a formal meeting next week. For the moment, the one type of government which can be seen to emerge from the new parliament is the same sort of coalition in power when the last parliament was dissolved.

That was a four-party grouping led by the Christian Democrats. Signor de Mita believes that the Republicans, who did well in the elections, should come back into a five-party coalition.

The differences he saw were that the coalition this time would have less parliamentary backing and the other members would have to give more thought to the problems of government, rather than leaving everything to the Christian Democrats alone.

The other three parties to which he referred as partners are the Socialists, the Social Democrats and the Liberals.



Loss-leader: Signor de Mita, the Christian Democratic leader, letting his anxiety show.

His suggestion that responsibility would have to be shared more widely could be taken as implicitly recognizing that the Christian Democrats have lost something of their aura.

The new parliament will be convened on July 15. In the meantime the caretaker coalition led by Signor Amintore Fanfani will continue to attend to ordinary administration. Signor Fanfani will no doubt follow the custom by promptly offering his resignation.

If the President decides to accept it he will be faced with renewed demands from both the Socialists and the Republicans for the leadership of the new government.

Party	Senate		Chamber	
	1983 (1979)	% of votes (1979)	1983 (1979)	% of votes (1979)
Christian Democrats	120 (138)	32.4 (33.3)	226 (262)	33.3 (33.3)
Communists	107 (105)	30.8 (31.5)	198 (207)	29.9 (30.4)
Socialists	38 (38)	11.4 (11.4)	73 (73)	11.1 (11.1)
Italian Social Movement	18 (13)	7.3 (6.7)	42 (30)	6.8 (6.3)
Republicans	10 (9)	4.7 (3.4)	29 (18)	5.1 (3.0)
Social Democrats	9 (9)	3.8 (4.2)	22 (22)	3.3 (3.5)
Liberals	6 (6)	2.7 (2.2)	16 (9)	2.3 (1.9)
Radicals	1 (2)	1.8 (1.3)	11 (19)	2.2 (3.5)
Others	7 (4)	5.1 (3.0)	7 (9)	1.5 (2.0)

He would also have to weigh the view put forward by Signor Enrico Berlinguer, the Communist Leader, that for the first time there is the possibility for the formation of a democratic government without the Christian Democrats.

In the last parliament, Senator Giovanni Spadolini, the Republican leader, became the first non-Christian Democrat to be Prime Minister since the War.

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Palestinians to be moved

Israel goes ahead with radical new approach on refugees

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

A confidential plan outlining a radical new Israeli approach to the problem of the more than 300,000 Palestinian refugees living in squalid camps in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip has been approved by an influential ministerial committee.

The plan, which foresees the movement of thousands of the refugees into private housing on subsidised plots of land, and renovation of many of the existing camps (there are 19 in the West Bank alone) and the movement of some to new locations, will be submitted for full Cabinet approval within the next few weeks.

It is understood that the ministers do not envisage providing Israeli finance for the ambitious and expensive scheme and hope it can be financed by international funds, both from governments and institutions such as the World Bank.

Rumours about the existence of such a plan have already caused widespread unease among the refugees, who fear that the hawthorn Begin government is working in secret on a politically motivated scheme to undermine their 35-year-old status as dispossessed persons with a right to a homeland.

In an interview with *The Times*, Mr Mordechai Ben-Porat, chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Refugee Affairs (which was established after last summer's invasion of Lebanon), disclosed that after 10 months of research, the plan was approved by the committee in a closed session last Sunday.

Among members are many leading figures in the Government, including Mr Yitzhak

Shamir, Foreign Minister, and Mr Moshe Arens, Defence Minister, so it is expected that the proposals will easily secure full government approval.

Mr Ben-Porat, the Iraqi-born Minister without Portfolio, visited 15 of the camps before drawing up the plan and used his fluent Arabic to talk with some of the refugees. Yesterday, he refused to give exact details of the scheme or to say how much of it will be made public even after it has been submitted to the Cabinet.

Emotional arrival

Tel Aviv (Reuters) - Sixteen members of the Vashchenko family of Pentecostals, five of whom spent more than four years in the basement of the US Embassy in Moscow as part of their campaign to leave the Soviet Union, arrived in Israel yesterday with their dog Volcano to an emotional welcome from well-wishers.

"The plan is to bring forward some conceptions and models to improve the life of the refugees and to show the Arab countries how the refugee problem can be absorbed."

"We are not planning to take away anyone's rights or to move them out of the area which is under Israeli control. This is a humanitarian move, not a political one."

A revealing insight into Israeli thinking was given on April 24 when the government press office published the text of an interview given by Brigadier-General Shlomo Ilyia, chief of the self-styled "civil adminis-

tration" responsible for the West Bank.

"We are interested that the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (the body responsible for the camps) leaves, since it constitutes a political obstacle."

"There is a clear interest to maintain the refugee camps as evidence of the Palestinian problem, and this is a catalyst for unrest. Today we are talking with Minister Ben-Porat on a number of ideas with the intent of getting refugees to leave the camps for economic reasons."

Yesterday, the Israeli scheme was angrily rejected by a number of Palestinians approached by *The Times* in the West Bank. Mr Usama Odch, a lawyer and resident of the sprawling Dheisheh camp on the outskirts of Bethlehem, said: "We are against the outside renovation of this camp or any other one."

The status quo of the camps is temporary, according to international law. The Israelis just want to solve the problem of the refugees and ignore that of the Palestinian cause."

Supermarket bomb: A bomb exploded in a Jerusalem supermarket yesterday, slightly injuring two women, a police spokesman said, Reuters reports. The authorities detained about a dozen Arabs for questioning. The incident occurred in Rehov Hapadmah, in the western sector of the city.

Later, a mine exploded in a field outside the Marefat monastery on the road to Bethlehem, where soldiers were clearing an old minefield. Two soldiers were slightly wounded, military authorities said.

Dilemma grows over US aid

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Israel, already the largest recipient of American economic and military aid, will soon have to seek additional US assistance simply to service its growing debts unless it is able to cut back on purchases of military equipment, according to a new report published here.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, says that such a reduction will not be possible unless agreements are negotiated with Israel's Arab neighbours.

The report, the most comprehensive study to date of American aid to Israel, says that Israel will face severe debt problems in repaying its mounting debts which total more than \$25,000m (£17,000m) since the country became independent in 1948.

Although at the moment it can just balance the \$800m it owes the US each year with

economic grants provided by the US it will not longer be able to do so by the 1990s. At that stage the US will either have to increase its direct economic support or else provide other forms of financial concessions.

The report, parts of which were heavily censored, provides extensive details of Israel's defence relationship with the US.

Israel was the first country to be exempted from paying some of its military debts when the US decided to "forgive" repayment of half its military credits in the wake of the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

Israel is also allowed to repay its military loans over 30 years, in contrast to the 12 years allowed most recipients. For the first 10 years Israel pays only interest, and then pays interest and principal for the next 20 years. Under the current aid Bill

before Congress, Israel would have half or its \$1,700m in military loans during 1948 "forgiveness" and would receive an outright grant of \$850m in economic aid. Israel would only have to repay one third of the \$2,500m it will receive in military and economic assistance in 1984.

The Israel Embassy in Washington believes the report will reinforce the point Israel diplomacy has been making for some time - that Israel needs more assistance with fewer strings if it is to maintain its position as the main defender of American interests in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, President Reagan has signed legislation authorizing \$150m in economic aid to Lebanon and an additional \$100m in loan guarantees for the purchase of American military equipment.

Shaikh's debts alleged to exceed £1,500m

Bahrain (Reuters) - A member of the Kuwaiti royal family has become the most prominent victim of last year's Kuwait stock market crash, and is believed to owe more than £1,500m financial sources in the Gulf said yesterday.

Shaikh Khalifah Abdullah al-Khalifa al-Sabah, who is married to a daughter of the Emir of Kuwait, is said to have debts of 700m dinars but he in turn is said to be owed about 800m dinars from transactions including share deals during the stock market boom.

Efforts are being made to unravel his financial affairs and it is thought unlikely that the royal family would permit one of its members to fall to meet his commitments.

He has, however, asked a number of banks to grant a

delay on his interest payments, on a \$100m (£65m) loan signed last September. The loan is due to be repaid in three months and may have to be extended.

The loan was from a group of nine banks, four in Bahrain and others in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Tunisia and Oman.

Shaikh Khalifah is in hospital recovering from burns sustained in an accident, and was not available for comment.

His problems are part of a vast web of interlocking debts arising from the boom-and-bust of Kuwait's official stock market and the unofficial Souk al-Manakh last summer.

The speculative boom centred on the unofficial market, set up to deal in the shares of Gulf companies. After the market crashed last summer, the debts involved were found to total over \$90 billion.

A peaceful anniversary in Poznan

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Poznan, a city distinguished by its civic tranquility and dedication to commerce, witnessed 27 years ago scenes that were reminiscent of the storming of the Bastille.

Workers went on the rampage shouting "Bread and freedom", the prison gates were thrown open, a militia headquarters was attacked, buildings were ransacked for weapons and more than 50 people were killed, many of them by frightened policemen.

Yesterday, the anniversary of the 1956 riots, was marked peacefully. Two militia vans were parked near the cross which commemorates the fallen workers - a cross erected during the Solidarity era after pressure from the now-outlawed union - but some 150 Poles, many of them employees at the Cegielski engine factory, were allowed to lay their wreaths undisturbed.

The ceremony was seen as the first of a series of tests for the changes of approach of both the Solidarity underground and the Polish authorities after the Pope's visit to Poland.

Last year, in the first hot summer after imposition of martial law, a demonstration erupted around the cross and the authorities brought out the usual armory of water cannon and gas and baton charges were made.

Shortly before the demonstration, the Poznan party chief, Mr Edward Skrzypczak, was dismissed and replaced by a general, partly because of his plans to celebrate the anniversary the memories of the deaths of miners shot after martial law was imposed was still fresh.

This year, the Roman Catholic Church has taken charge. It has been advising the Cegielski workers to form the plant where the 1956 riots began - to commemorate the occasion peacefully.

A Mass is to be celebrated for the dead workers of 1956 and, though hands will no doubt be raised in the defiant victory salute, no trouble is expected. It is still too early to judge whether the tranquility in Poznan is a sign of things to come, of police moderation and the final abandoning of the undergrounds' ambitions to stir up street unrest at every symbolic anniversary.

Former press chief arrested again

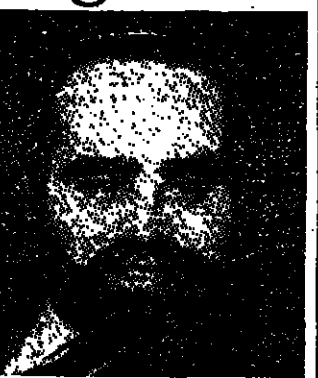
Milan (AP) - Signor Angelo Rizzoli, the former chairman of the Rizzoli publishing empire, which includes the *Corriere della Sera*, was arrested early yesterday on charges of illegal transfer of funds abroad. It was his second arrest in four months.

Signor Rizzoli was taken into custody by agents of Guardia di Finanza, Italy's customs and tax police who arrested him at his home in central Milan, on a warrant issued by two Milan judges investigating the collapse of Banco Ambrosiano, one of the largest Italian private banks. He was detained pending questioning.

Signor Bruno Tassan-Din, the former managing director of the Rizzoli group, had been arrested on the same charges earlier this month.

The value of alleged illegal funds transferred abroad is estimated to be about £16.5m. The alleged illegal transfer came to light through checks made by Italian judges on deposits in a Swiss bank.

Signor Rizzoli was first arrested with his brother Alberto last February on charges of



Signor Rizzoli: Detained for questioning

fraudulent bankruptcy. Both were released after several weeks in jail pending trial.

Signor Angelo Rizzoli, aged 39, the heir to a publishing dynasty with worldwide interests, lost power and control of the Rizzoli group, which he took over from his father in 1978, after difficulties arising from links to two big scandals. He was alleged to be a member of a secret Masonic lodge, P2, since outlawed by Parliament.

Greeks hold arms ship

From Mario Mediano, Athens

The Greek coastguard is holding a small British cargo ship which was found to be carrying a large consignment of arms and ammunition without proper documents.

The ship, the 350-ton Ivy B, registered at the Port of London, was said to have originated from Izmir in Turkey. It turned up in Piraeus for supplies and repairs over the weekend. Customs officials said that under a cargo of cement

they discovered 54 large cases of arms.

Customs officials said the 2.5 ton arms cargo included 90 machine guns, 180 automatic rifles, 10 pistols, quantities of hand grenades and 2,000 rounds of ammunition. They did not specify the country of manufacture.

The authorities said the ship's Irish master, Captain Kirk, said he had been bound for India via the canal.

Dutch pick site for missiles

From Robert Schuil
Amsterdam

The Dutch Government has designated Woensdrecht Air Force Base in the south of The Netherlands as the site where 48 medium-range Nato missiles will be deployed if the Dutch Government decides to honour the 1979 Nato two-track decision.

In a letter sent to the Lower House yesterday Mr Job de Ruiter, the Defence Minister, described the designation of Woensdrecht as a purely technical decision - the choice of the air base in no way prejudiced the Government's final decision on whether to base the missiles on Dutch soil.

Political observers believe, however, that the decision which was originally scheduled to be taken at the end of the summer is meant as a sign of good will towards Holland's Nato partners, and to intimate that the Netherlands will decide in favour of deployment if the Intermediate Nuclear Forces talks in Geneva remain without result.

In his thought that Mr Rudi Lubbers, the Prime Minister, was in favour of taking the decision now to strengthen Dr Helmut Kohl's hand on his forthcoming visit to Moscow. In a private letter to Dr Kohl on June 7 Mr Lubbers is said to have told him that The Netherlands would seek to follow the West German example over the deployment of medium-range nuclear missiles.

MADRID: Spain's Socialist Government will not campaign either for or against continuing membership of Nato before the promised referendum, Señor Felipe González, the Prime Minister, told party members

Extradition of Bolivian requested

From Andrew Thompson
Buenos Aires

The Argentine Foreign Ministry has received a formal request from the United States for the extradition of Señor Luis Arce Gomez, the former Bolivian Interior Minister, who is wanted by a Miami court on international drug trafficking charges.

Señor Arce Gomez, a former colonel in the Bolivian Army arrived in Argentina in October, 1982. In December, the Argentine military Government granted him political asylum.

Despite this, he was arrested last month on the orders of Señor José Nicasio Dibur a federal judge. Under Argentine law, Señor Arce Gomez could be held for a maximum of 45 days while a formal extradition request was awaited. In the event, the extradition request was delivered two days before the deadline.

Judge Dibur is now studying the documents forwarded from a Miami grand jury. Señor Arce Gomez and 16 other people have been accused by Mr Stanley Marcus, a United States federal attorney, of benefiting financially from a "protection" racket offered to drug dealers sending cocaine to the United States.

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Space link by Russians a success this time

Moscow (Reuters) - Two Soviet cosmonauts delicately docked their Soyuz T9 space craft with the Salyut-7 space station and went on board, Tass reported yesterday. In April a three-man crew had failed in the docking attempt.

Tass said the Colonel Vladimir Lyakhov and Flight Engineer Aleksandrov were on board the orbital complex and feeling well.

Blast-off from Baikonur had taken place less than 30 hours earlier. Before crossing over into the 47-ton space station the crew had checked the pressure tightness of the link-up module, Tass reported.

Libya denies role in Chad

Cairo - Libya has denied direct involvement in the insurrection in Chad, but accused Egypt of preparing to intervene and said that if it did so, Libya would not stand idly by, Robert Holloway writes.

Mr Abdul Ati al-Obeidi, the secretary of Libya's foreign liaison bureau, a post equivalent to that of foreign minister, said in a telephone interview that Libya regarded Mr Goukouni Oueddei, the rebel leader and former president, as the legitimate leader of Chad.

Baby taken on freedom swim

Komiti (AP) Two Turkish political refugees with a 12-month-old baby swam across the Evros river to Greece and requested asylum. One, a housewife, was joining her husband already in Greece.

Paul Roca, a Romanian athlete who won the silver medal in the steepchase at the weekend Balkan Games in Izmir, sought political refuge in the US embassy later.

Lichfield crash



Lord Lichfield, a cousin of the Queen, who lost two teeth when the car he was driving was in head-on collision with another in Ibiza. After treatment in a clinic for cuts, bruises and shock he was discharged but two people in the other car were hurt, one seriously. Lord Lichfield was taking photographs on the Spanish island for a car parts calendar.

Airport bomb

Frankfurt (AP) - Police dismantled a home-made bomb at Frankfurt airport 24 hours after it was supposed to go off near a passenger terminal.

Even handover

Ankara - President Kenan Evren hands over his title of Armed Forces Chief of Staff to General Nurettin Ersin, the present Army commander tomorrow. General Necdet Uruç, deputy land forces commander and secretary-general of the ruling national security council, takes over full command of the Army.

Nato switch

Brussels (AFP) - General Cornelis de Jager of the Netherlands takes over as chairman of the Nato military council on Friday, it was officially announced. He succeeds Admiral Robert Falls who is retiring from active service.

Flood toll rises

Delhi (Reuters) - The flood toll in the western state of Gujarat amounted to more than 900 dead or missing. Thousands of people are still marooned by swirling floodwaters in the low-lying areas of Junagadh and more rain is forecast.

Defiant march

Montevideo (Reuters) - Hundreds of Uruguayans marched from the presidential palace through the centre of Montevideo shouting anti-Government slogans on the tenth anniversary of the coup which brought the military to power.

Top balloon

Paris (AP) - Two Polish balloonists, Stefan Makne and Ireneusz Cieciak, landed in Bavaria after flying 435 miles to win the 1983 Gordon Bennett balloon race. They took off from the Place de la Concorde, Paris, on Sunday. Two American balloonists died during the race.

Salavador blast

San Salvador (Reuters) - A bomb exploded across the street from the US embassy here as the Government defied threats against a former Defence Minister by sending 21 rebel prisoners for sentencing. There were no casualties or damage.

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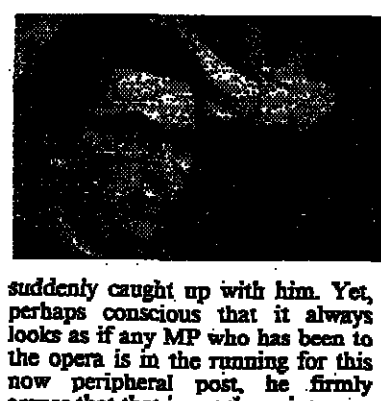
Lord Gowrie (left), in his first major interview since he became Minister for the Arts, tells Bryan Appleyard how he hopes to tackle the job

Nearer the heart of the economic debate

Arts ministers come in two varieties: high profile and low profile. Norman St John Stevas was high. Paul Channon low. On the face of it Lord Gowrie should be closer to Stevas. Educated at Eton and Balliol, he regularly inhabited the gossip columns in the Fifties and Sixties - for becoming an earl at 15, for playing a teddy boy in an Eton home movie, for marrying a former pupil at the school where he taught English. And there was his poetry ("Lord Gowrie can be amusingly world-weary and has a casual transatlantic knowingsness that is not always unattractive" - TLS).

But "seriousness" began to creep into the cuttings in the Seventies after we had all got over the break-up of his first marriage and the revelation that he had a manservant named Mr Mustard. The dilettante image began to be undermined by steady political work in the Lords. Eventually he became Minister of State for Employment and then deputy to James Prior in Northern Ireland - a role in which he now says he deliberately cultivated a high profile for political ends.

Now he is at Arts - as if his art-dealing, poetic and aesthetic past had



suddenly caught up with him. Yet, perhaps conscious that it always looks as if any MP who has been to the opera is in the running for this now peripheral post, he firmly argues that that is not the point.

"I have strong artistic taste and strong prejudices myself. But my own feeling is that if I'm appropriate at all it's not because of this background or those tastes. It is because in a number of fields I have a rather strong practical experience of the economic suburbs of the artistic centres - in the art business and the recording industry. It's important when one is arguing as a Minister, you have more credibility."

The emphasis, therefore, is to be on good sense and good management. The arts are as much part of

the central economic debate as anything else. On the basis of this analysis Lord Gowrie went to Mrs Thatcher and argued the case for moving the Ministry out of the Department of Education and Science. It is now technically under the Privy Council but, he firmly maintains, only answerable to the Prime Minister, a quality it shares with his other job as head of the Management and Personnel Office.

"That doesn't mean that Athens arrives tomorrow, but it does amount to the establishing of the Arts Ministry nearer the centre than it has ever been."

At that centre is, of course, economics. And economics these days tends to mean financial stringency and the management of deficits. There will be no significant

increase in available funds so the arts, in order to achieve any growth at all, will have to tighten up management and streamline themselves like any other operation.

"What I'm really trying to say is: all right, the arts are micro in terms of the total numbers of people or money involved or compared with other aspects of the national budget, but the problems they face are the same, whether you are dealing with the economy in its larger emphasis or with the Royal Opera House or the Arts Council. We have found enormous areas to improve our own internal procedures and my job is to continue that push within government. Now maybe government is soggier than other organizations but I suspect the other organizations are soggier as well."

The drive is on for value for money. It is a negative role but the Minister sees it as essential in order to achieve anything positive. Its emphasis may be distressing for the organizations, most of whom feel they have been on their uppers for some years now, but at least they may welcome his objectivity and commitment to the arm's-length ideology.

"They don't want to be told by the Arts Minister that they should produce better plays. If I started to be a colourful and up-front kind of aesthete I think I would run into the most furious criticisms and well-aimed brickbats."

In response to the widely-voiced suspicion that the Government has been putting its placemen in key positions in the arts he asserts that

the Tories are, in fact, "reliable and jealous guardians of the independence of these bodies" and he attacks Ken Livingstone and Tony Banks for pushing the arts towards centralized direction and political control.

Yet it is difficult to believe that the efficiency drive does not have some implications for the policy and direction of the Arts Council. Perhaps the Minister betrays himself when he points out that more emphasis on subsidising the individual artist directly would be cost-effective - "In economic terms this is attractive because a few thousand pounds can really hit the spot." Such a move, of course, would represent a significant change of direction but the Minister is at pains to stress that it is only how he would argue "if I were on the Arts Council".

Elsewhere the orthodoxy appears to prevail. He warmly endorses the controversial appointment of Luke Rimmer as Secretary-General of the Arts Council and he pledges continued commitment to the growth of private sponsorship "not to relieve us of our obligations but to improve the overall picture". So, in spite of the cuttings, perhaps the profile is to be low. Lord Gowrie wants to be Minister for the Arts, implying a humbly representative role rather than parliamentary connoisseurship, a Channon rather than a Stevas.

That role may reflect a genuine analysis of what is required but it also must to some extent reflect his personal desire to remain "at the centre of the debate". Its precise implications for the arts would seem to be more of the same, though it is at least to be dished out by a poet.

As I leave the Old Admiralty Building, where the Ministry now dwells, the press officer disingenuously asks what I thought of his boss. "Well, he's not like his press cuttings", I reply, sensing that this is what he wants to hear. "No, he's not", he agrees with scarcely disguised relief.

Television

Cosmetic changes

The Johannesburg Wanderers Club was once a strictly white preserve; now, as Ron Pickering explained in *South Africa, Sport and the Boycott* (BBC 1), its members "point with pride to the fact that it now has 20 blacks among its 14,000 members". That observation points to one dilemma within South Africa, and within South African sport. The Whites have been so committed to, and dependent upon, the notion of apartheid that even the smallest change is to them extraordinary. To those on the outside, it seems almost derisory - less than nothing, in fact, if it represents only a token or cosmetic change.

There is, of course, discrimination still and Mr Pickering's forceful commentary examined many aspects of it: the lack of sporting facilities within the black townships, the inadequate pitches, the occasional Black allowed to use the predominantly white gymnasium. No wonder, could the fallacy of "separate but equal" development be shown more clearly and Mr Pickering's conclusion seemed to be that, although at a professional level South African sport is becoming non-racial, at an amateur level it remains resolutely segregationist.

The problem for South Africa is that its social injustices can be seen quite clearly in a sporting context: although it was suggested that you cannot have normal sport in an abnormal society (I would like the idea of a "normal society" defined, however), the brutalities of the Soviet regime are not to be discerned, for example, in the composition of their Olympic teams.

Nevertheless sport is an indication, or representation, of a nation's culture - and that is precisely the problem. If white South Africans insist upon a policy of separate development, then genuinely desegregated sport will seem to them to be the first stage in the dissolution of that which they wish to preserve. Token changes, or changes within the context of apartheid itself, are all they can allow. The danger in concentrating upon sport alone is that it might lead to the assumption that, since it is only sport, desegregation can be accomplished with the same ease as, for example, American athletes were banned from the Moscow Olympics. If it is to be accomplished, it will only be as part of a much larger and more tortuous process.

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Paris galleries

Manet's awkward honesty

In some ways Manet is the most mysterious of the Impressionists. Not the obvious way, of course: to the contrary, a visitor to the great inclusive show at the Grand Palais which is how Paris marks the centenary of Manet's death may well find himself rather in the position of the man who would have liked *Hamlet* more if it had not been so full of quotations. There are certainly no major revelations in the way of important pictures we have never seen before (at least in reproduction), and one has to work quite hard so as not to let this slight *déjà vu* quality become a drawback to the show. It is, in any case, unavoidable: Manet was, after all (apart from Bazille, killed in the Franco-Prussian War), the earliest dead and the shortest lived of the Impressionist brotherhood, and his production was never comparable to that of, say, Monet or Renoir. In this show we have virtually all his principal works, with a very generous selection of the lesser. The question it poses is not so much whether we can find a new and different Manet as how we respond to the opportunity, for once, of seeing Manet alone and seeing him whole.

The excitement of the show does not lie on the surface, but they are very definitely there. What we see, in effect, is the birth of a modern painter. As every student remembers, and a few hold against him, Manet was the least willing rebel of all the Impressionists, the least

inclined to break with the whole Salon system of official French art, the one who most desperately wanted acceptance, respectability and his Légion d'Honneur (which he got, ironically, just before his death). In several respects Manet is the most, as we would say, Victorian of all the Impressionists. It is not really surprising that by 1907 one of Proust's characters was observing that the scandalous quality of the nude *Olympia* had evaporated and "C'est l'air d'une chose d'Ingres", or that Britons, faced with *La Musique aux Tuileries* of 1862, may find themselves ever so faintly reminded of Frith.

Probably something like that is what Manet's conscious mind wanted. But as we follow his career chronologically, from the early copies and echoes of Delacroix, Rubens, Murillo, Velasquez and Rembrandt, we see a painter driven irresistibly by what he sees, and how his own evolving sensibility forces him to see it, into a route he would rather not travel and a way of artistic life he would not have chosen at all. What is most astonishing about this grand succession of paintings is their awkward, uncomfortable honesty. It is something which emerges from the works one by one, but much more powerfully from seeing them all in context. To begin with, they are more socially than technically uncompromising: we can feel again the shock that must have been caused in the early 1860s by an unsparing image like *La*

Maitresse de Baudelaire couchée, or even by the unsettling informality of *La Chanteuse des rues*, eating cherries from a paper bag as she (apparently) enters the room. Then come the looser brush-strokes, the experiments with *plein-air* painting (a bit self-conscious, some of them look) and the final mastery synthesis of *Un bar aux Folies Bergères* - the last thing we see as we leave.

The mystery of Manet has, in fact, been staring us in the face. It was just difficult to see it until this show brought all the evidence together. He has been described by one critic as a "peintre-philosophe", but that is probably overstating. Nevertheless, the quality of his art as shown here proves to reside not so much in the technical innovations (if, indeed, Manet himself initiated anything), nor even the quality of vision, though that is superb, but in the fundamental brainwork. We are made conscious as never before (the last major retrospective was in 1932) of the man's mind always working, always thinking its way through difficulties, always seeking ways through the labyrinth of earlier art to a new way of achieving centrality, always ready to accept the logic of his own processes, however uncomfortable. We are used to thinking of Impressionists as reactors rather than actors. But central to Manet's art is a conscious and continuing act of creation. This is a show, in parts, to ravish your senses, but



even more it is a show to blow your mind.

The Manet show runs until August 1. It makes an intriguing comparison with a show on the other side of town. Claude Monet *en temps de Marais* which runs until July 17. This also is, by coincidence, a centenary show: in 1883 Manet died and Monet entered a new lease of life by moving into what was to be his home and

one of his principal subjects for the rest of his life, his house at Giverny. The show, therefore, is limited to work Monet did after Manet's death and gives one to wonder, fruitlessly, how Manet would have developed given even half of Monet's remaining 43 years of life. Monet's development, as vividly catalogued here (with many pictures long unseen in Europe) is one of the most astonishing odysseys of modern painting, from the

conscious and continuing act of creation: Manet's *Argenteuil*

precise but generally distant notation of shifting light effects in the early 1880s right up to and through the abstraction-barrier with the last *Nymphéas* of the 1920s.

The Monet retrospective of a couple of seasons back was a solid, Establishment job. This show, as usual in the Marais, is an adventure, first washing you with sound (Debussy, of course) in a blinding white space, then leading you through a maze of small, irregularly-shaped rooms which bring together variations on the same theme or offer sudden startling glimpses through a narrow opening of what is coming next. Nor does the show gloss over Monet's curious lapses: some of the paintings from the period just before his cataract operation are very unpleasant indeed, with their coarse handling of paint and bilious colouring. But it must also be said that there are similar lapses of judgment even when there was nothing wrong with his sight: right next to paintings of miraculous delicacy like *Maisons à Falaise, brouillard* are the almost wilfully raw-edged paintings of rock and sea at Belle-Ile. At least, that is how I see the comparison; others, I suppose, might appreciate the extroversion of the Belle-Ile paintings and find the mist and snow scenes wishy-washy. The Marais show does not take sides, but admirably gathers the materials and leaves the judgments up to you.

John Russell Taylor

Concert

Tuckwell Quintet

St John's/Radio 3

The weather had turned round in a grey Smith Square, but the Tuckwell Wind Quintet brought the warm languor of the South of France to St John's for Monday's BBC lunchtime concert, in a delightful performance of Milhaud's suite *La Cheminée du roi René*.

Corporately they keenly sensed and enjoyed the contrasting nuances of timbre within the work's relatively narrow, understated range; individually they relished its nonchalant asides and the flavouring of its oblique modality. The movements followed each other like so many scenes from medieval street theatre, seen through the haze of time's distance. After the mock solemnity of Derek Wickens's oboe in the opening "Cortège" came the wry antics of "Jongleurs", the barking horn and flute rousades (Barry Tuckwell and Peter Lloyd) of the "Chasse à Volebre" and the magical horn-calls of flute and clarinet (Robert Hill) in the closing "Nocturne".

The most beguiling item in the programme, though, was the Six Bagatelles for Wind Quintet, written by Ligeti between 1951 and 1953 while he was living in Hungary. They are arrangements of piano pieces in which Ligeti set himself little tests of craftsmanship on, as it were, a compositional shoestring. The first one, for instance, takes the interval of a third and tosses it into the air in synopetized fragments, piccolo cocking a snook at the chattering bassoon. In the second, stark single lines of unison and octave doublings are jotted and bent by insistent little minor second figures, and in the third an ostinato figure balanced against Pan-like strophes of song creates a fascinating sense of hovering movement in stasis. After a movement in memory of Bartók, the piano's percussive nature inspires and triumphs in the final scherzando.

Peter Lloyd bowed out and Nina Milikina bowed in for a pleasing, though little more than a dutiful account of Mozart's Quintet in E flat for piano and wind, K452. The programme will be repeated on Radio 3 next Sunday at 1.05pm.

Hilary Finch

Anthony Masters

Theatre

Piccadilly

Finally unveiled after three months of all-too-public postponements and rewrites, this show has a new title that still, if you pronounce it as everybody will, seems to express justifiable self-doubt. The backing is American, but it is for no musical, rather for a tacky piece of dinner-cabaret à la Parisienne, that the harmlessly grandiose interior of the Piccadilly has had its stalls ripped out for jampacked tables and its proscenium and boxes crowded with gigantically hideous eyes.

I cannot say how good the dinners are now at the Crazy Horse (they are acceptable here, though dear, if you pay), but if that raises memories of the petulant complaints of a French couple next to you, a crowd of singing waiters surging on to the stage or converging on a convenient birthday boy with a cake and sparklers, and ladies dressed as Dietrich or a butterfly in grapes leading into a Casanova-period Venetian

scene where everybody ends up undressing, then you are not far off. A subsequent scene, where bare-breasted chorus girls in black and white feathers impersonating tigers get ordered round the stage by a black boy with a whip, shows that these producers have nothing to learn from the most tasteless soft-porn cabaret.

And who is Arturo Brachetti? His name suggests he may be an Italian nephew of a well-loved British disease, but even Dame Hilda Brackett would balk at partnering a girl miming (and most of the numbers are mimed) while strung with mussel shells and seaweed. His rendering of Violetta's *brindisi* from *Traviata* suggests that he might understudy the drag singer in *A Patriot for Me* if this show closes quickly enough. His performance is an unsatisfying mixture of epicene prancing, nippy conjuring tricks, like drawing a sword through a lady or saving her in half, and technical tricks like going airborne as an angel, for which the technical staff might justifiably have demanded a curtain call as showy as his. Most of the real singing is left to

Nicola Kimber, whose legs are lovely and whose French is about as good as the songs deserve.

I was seated too close to judge, but the dancing looked sharp enough and our black waiters' performance was more fun than most up on stage. In the last resort, only a nightgown punter in the £30-a-head group could say whether this is too tatty (or tatty enough) for the buying market, and would hardly care if the impresario could probably have endowed an orphanage with what they spent on it.

Anthony Masters

The Perfectionist

Hampstead

The hero of David Williamson's play is a workaholic university lecturer who has neglected his family for nine years for the sake of a still unfinished thesis, only to be pipped at the post by an academic rival. His response is to renounce his ambitions and set about becoming a model husband and father, whereupon life in the family becomes more intolerable than ever. Moral: once a perfectionist, always a perfectionist.

The fact that his wife appears as the narrator gives you fair warning of the story's bias. *The Perfectionist* belongs to the defensive category of male feminism, allowing women to have all the good arguments and all the sympathy while still allowing the man to hold the central place in the action. In this case, despite the manifest intelligence of the

writing and some passages of painfully accurate comedy, the exercise is self-cancelling. Barbara, the wife, begins by saying we are about to witness an open-marriage experiment; and the play duly goes on to debate such matters as shared domestic responsibility, equal professional opportunities and extra-marital sex. But, as she happens to be married to a character like Stuart, there is never any chance that the experiment is going to succeed.

The first act (much the better of the two) takes place in Denmark where Stuart's academic workload is such that Barbara rebels and engages a male babysitter, so as to get down to her own thesis on attitudes to breast-feeding in the inner Melbourne suburbs.

Eric, the babysitter, is a gentle drop-out who happens to speak six languages and play jazz piano; and the impact of this unimpaired Marxist on a household of hypertense Australian over-achievers provokes a delicious series of dislocations in their fixed routines. Also, the part is superbly played by Michael Maloney, whose minor mistakes in idiomatic English

drive Stuart even further round the bend. Thereafter the action moves back to Australia, and a series of collisions with Stuart's parents. The design makes perfect sense. There is the overbearing barrister father (Godfrey Jackson), still bullying his boy to the top and exploiting the ex-actress wife who compensates with drink for her lost career. When Stuart turns family man, he can see them as a ghastly forecast of his own married life. But, with the disappearance of Eric, he has no real antagonist.

The other characters are well drawn and Robin Lefevre's cast (particularly Barbara Flynn as the wife) excel in standing up for themselves without sacrificing identity to anger. The same cannot be said of Paul Freeman's Stuart who, through no fault of his own, stands out among these entertaining satellites as a raucous and uncomfortable. We are used to seeing him as a ghastly forecast of his own married life. But, with the disappearance of Eric, he has no real antagonist.

Irving Wardle

Dance

Symphony in D

Sadler's Wells

Having taken seven years to reach London, Jiri Kylian's *Symphony in D* has hit the town in a big way, with three different companies giving it here within three weeks. Luckily, it is a ballet that actually benefits from such exposure: every cast I have seen in it brings out new touches.

The Houston Ballet led off the series at Sadler's Wells on Monday. Nothing in their London repertoire has shown better the company's strength. The ballet is an elaborate joke about the tautness and tribulations of a ballet dancer's work. More or less everything that can go wrong does so, but it is only funny because in fact everything goes right, the false steps are impeccably done and the misplaced partnering comes off smoothly.

The joke starts with the title, the music actually being parts of two separate symphonies by Haydn, the "Clock" and the "Finn". That principle of fragmentation and juxtaposition runs also through Kylian's choreography, making the jokes look different according to how the dancers tackle their roles.

The continuous chuckles

Nick Lowe and Paul Carrack

Dingwalls

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Lowe and Carrack think in three-minute chunks, and they proceeded like the best radio show you could imagine. Trading lead vocal parts, with Lowe on bass guitar and

John Percival

Rock

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Carrack on keyboards, accompanied by Martin Belmont's all-action guitar and Bobby Irwin's drums, they produced a beautifully varied set which made it all the more mysterious that neither has come up with a hit in recent months.

The fault is hardly theirs, since the virtues of Carrack's "How Long", which he sang with Ace, and Lowe's "Cruel to be Kind" persist in their more recent compositions. Who could resist Carrack's white soul delivery of "Lesson in Love", "Always Better With You" and "I Need You" (this last a perfect Lowe-penned pastiche of Smoke Robinson's compositions for the Temptations) or Lowe's current single, "Ragin' Eyes", a simmering country rocker more potent than anything the California cowboys can invent?

This concert also included "Burnin'", Lowe's aptly titled rockabilly piece; the Mose Allison-styled "Once is Too Much", a pleasing treatment of Wilson Pickett's "634-5789"; and a lengthy dub-reggae coda tacked on to "How Long", featuring Belmont's most eloquent work. The music had the raucous glare of fairground and the introspective wonder of the bedroom Dansette: emotional dynamite.

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Showdown at County Hall

The GLC and its controversial overlord Ken Livingstone are under threat. As the Tories talk of abolition, David Walker looks at how the authority spends its money, and why Mrs Thatcher is gunning for it

The Greater London Council has two faces: Kenwood as well as Ken Livingstone.

On one side is a benign public authority which helps keep life in the capital civilized. It runs the computer that makes the traffic lights change colour in sequence along the Cromwell Road, renews the gaskets on the fire brigade's pumps, replaces the lavatorial tiles along the Rotherhithe Tunnel, promotes Purcell at the Queen Elizabeth Hall and screws up blue plaques to dead dignitaries.

The other GLC is sometimes less visible, but often much more controversial. It spends large sums on "planning", shuffles public money from ratepayers to the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, and meets on the third Tuesday of the month in a Parliament-sized debating chamber to bicker and swap rhetoric between the parties in front of half a dozen yawning members of the public.

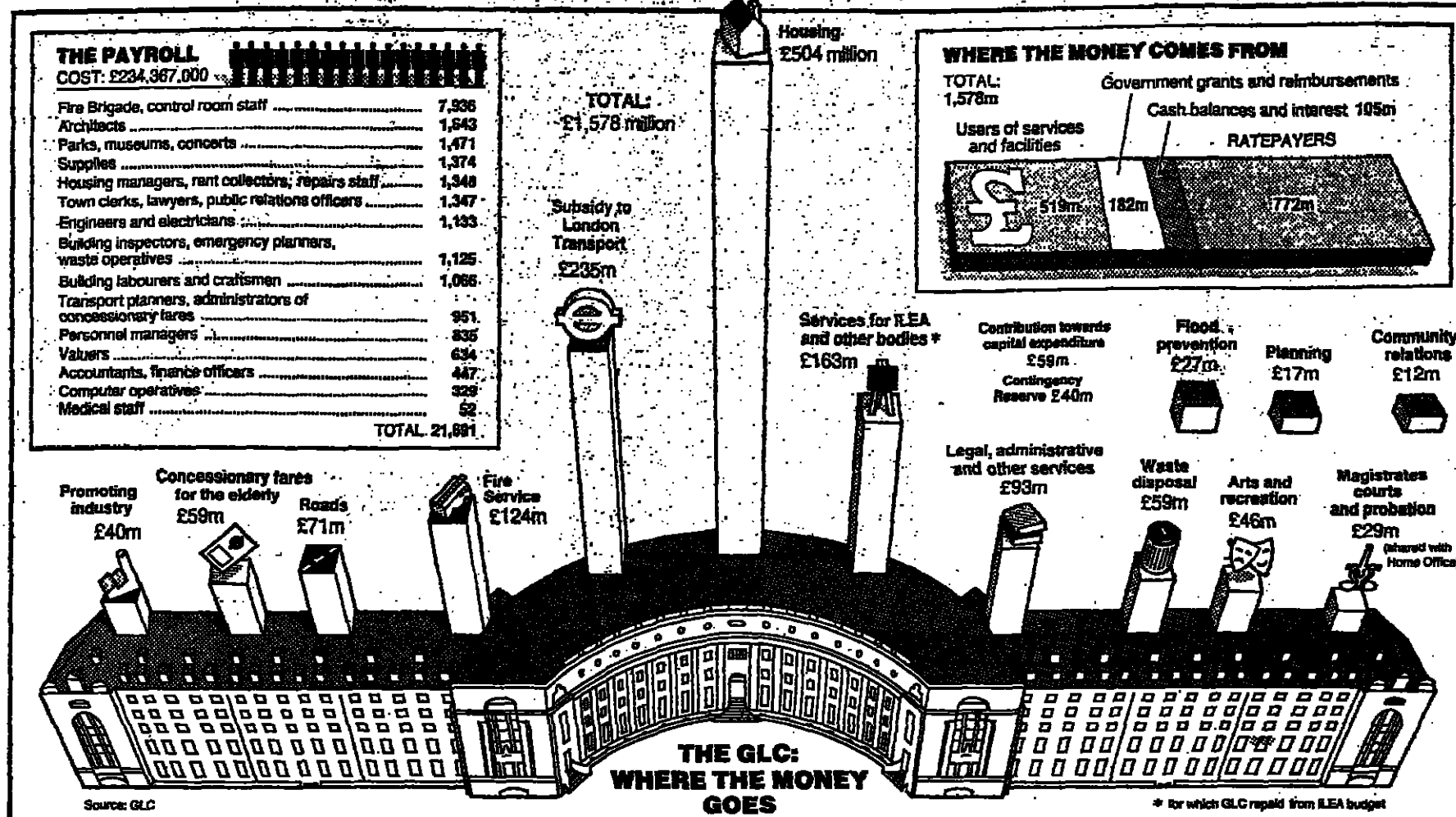
When there is talk of abolishing the GLC - as now, though not for the first time - ask, first, which of the GLCs is for the chop. Stop the Kenwood open-air concerts on warm June evenings and middle-class amenity suffers; close down the Woolwich Ferry and a lifeline in a neglected part of south-east London is cut. But abolish the job of the "chief economic planner" and who will care? End those County Hall shenanigans that pass for local democracy at work and how many Londoners will even register the fact?

Joe Public or Ms Londoner cannot go far outside their doors without the GLC's functions making some impact. In Tower Hamlets and Thamesmead, in fact, the GLC may be a Londoner's landlord.

In the street, the GLC sited the pedestrian crossing he uses to get to the bus stop. His red bus journey is subsidized from rates the GLC collected. The council painted the white lines that mark the bus priority lane; its engineers periodically inspect the bridge that carries the bus over the Thames.

In the office, our Londoner's safety depends, in part, on inspections by GLC firemen. His waste paper ends up - after collection by the borough council - at a GLC transfer station, eventually to be burnt or buried.

At the weekend, the GLC provides football pitches (231 in all), adventure



playgrounds and piers for the pleasure craft on the Thames. It runs the "culture bunker" on the South Bank and subsidizes the Museum of London.

The organization which provides these services will have, during 1983-84, a gross turnover of about £1.5 billion. Its County Hall cousin, the Inner London Education Authority (which is, legally, a sub-committee of the GLC, but which in practice is a separate organism), costs another £1.1 billion. Over in St James's is the headquarters of the third arm of the London municipal body, London Transport. Its revenue budget in 1983 is about £750 million, of which the GLC supplies £235 million. By law the GLC has to approve LT's budget and its major spending decisions, though otherwise LT runs as an autonomous body.

The centre of the GLC empire is County Hall, built in the 1930s by Herbert Morrison and still redolent in its wood-panelled massiveness of a bygone era when people were proud of their councils. Joe Public rarely walks the many miles of County Hall corridor, which is as well because he would be beset by several nagging questions. What do all the people behind these wooden doors actually do? How much of the £770m contributed by ratepayers to the GLC's coffers sinks into this bottomless bureaucratic well?

The firemen, the barrier-builders and the park keepers are the visible GLC. But in County Hall are the hidden functionaries: for "members' services" (£3m); the "policy and intelligence programme group" (£69 strong) which is in addition to "economic policy analysis" (£2m). The less visible GLC includes millions of outstanding loans to housing associations, which the Strongbridge

affair has shown to be a risky use of ratepayers' money.

And at the top of the pile are the politicians, 92 elected for single-member areas based on the parliamentary constituencies, who are provided with secretaries, phones and facilities that MPs across the river at Westminster drool over.

How will the problem of the two GLCs be resolved by those civil servants who, according to the Queen's Speech, are now busy working on proposals for abolition?

The table gives a rough guide to GLC functions. Some, like the Thames barrier, are indisputably London-wide. Whoever occupies County Hall, some public body will have to meet its debt interest and carry out its maintenance - and that of the Thames bridges.

Some GLC functions, like parks, are shared with the borough councils and could be allocated to them. Camden Council, for example, maintains Waterlow Park, 350 yards away from Hampstead Heath, which belongs to the GLC. Why not give the heath to Camden? In theory the fire brigade could be split into 32 parts - more likely the government would put it under the Home Office, like the Metropolitan Police.

Other GLC functions could, were Mrs Thatcher to follow the advice of some of her radical-right advisers, be

privatized. Let Londoners cease to get their Beethoven and Bartok on the cheap: invite an entrepreneur to bid for the Festival Hall complex.

But will abolition of the GLC save money? Privatizing the Iveagh Bequest or economizing on old people's travel would save, but would also be controversial. Some £80m could be saved - at a proverbial stroke - by repealing such Livingstone innovations as the GLC's community relations and industry and employment programmes. In large measure these consist of grants to "voluntary" groups or provide employment for highly-paid County Hall functionaries (whose number has increased this year by 800).

At a guess, some 9 per cent of the GLC rates bill (which costs an owner occupier more than £3 a week on average) could be saved without much inconvenience to the Londoner (albeit with some squealing by recipients of grants). Save a further 16 per cent by ending the GLC's housing function - but the cost would have to be borne by the boroughs such as Tower Hamlets and Greenwich which would assume the responsibility, and besides there is still debt interest to find. For the rest, major savings can only come from cuts in the subsidy to London Transport or employing fewer firemen. Or letting the traffic lights go on the blink.

GLC Function	London-wide	Could be transferred to boroughs	Could be candidates for privatization
Fire	●		
Waste disposal		●	
Flood prevention/River Thames	●		
London Transport subsidy			●
Roads, crossings		●	
Housing		●	
Arts and recreation			●

Alternative models in the US and France

New York: local power

"Mr New York" is the city's directly-elected mayor, Ed Koch, who stood down from Congress to run for what is considered a more influential position. As in London, elections are on party lines. Together with an elected city council, the mayor is responsible for education and the other major municipal services. The federal government and the state of New York have only a minimal involvement. Administration of services is handed off to professional managers, except in the vital areas of finance, where there is a directly-elected controller. Public transport is run by a nominated metropolitan transit authority. "New York's finest" - the city police - are part of the mayor's responsibility, too. A consortium of banks and financial institutions keep a close watch on city finances through the Municipal Assistance Corporation, which stepped in during the 1970s to rescue New York from bankruptcy.

Paris: central government

Despite recent moves to give some power to city authorities, Paris is closely supervised by the French government. The government appoints a prefect for general administration in the Paris area and another prefect to run the civil police. Another government official has extensive delegated powers over planning, and major projects - such as the Les Halles/Pompidou Centre development - are financed and supervised by the government. Paris does have an elected mayor, like other French cities, who is elected on party lines. In the French tradition the mayor, Jacques Chirac, is also a member of the parliament and, without possessing much formal power, is able to act as an advocate for the city's needs. Public transport, heavily subsidized, is run by a special authority with no elected members. Major services, such as education, have never been the concern of the city.

The Livingstone factor...

The Greater London Council's fate was sealed not when Mrs Thatcher won her second term but a decade ago in a never-ending series of hearings on a massive document known as the Greater London Development Plan.

Intended to be the blueprint for the capital's future, pinpointing growth centres and drawing cross-town routes, the plan was still-born. The oil-price boom, recession and the rejection of Maplin as the site of a third airport helped kill it.

But the main reason behind its failure went deeper. It was the GLC's lack of power. Called a "strategic" authority by the 1963 London Government Act which established it, the GLC could not compel either the boroughs below it or the government above it. And when regional planning went out of fashion in the mid-1970s, the council was left with only a residual role.

Even its conception was the result of a compromise. The Tory government of the day wanted to kill off the perennially Labour-controlled London County Council, which covered the inner area, but did not want to offend the powerful suburban counties and extend the GLC boundaries to the limits of the conurbation. The GLC could not be trusted with running the Metropolitan Police, which remained under central control and when, in 1969, a Labour government gave the GLC responsibility for London Transport's finance, the council booted the job.

The GLC became a classic instance of a pendulum authority, veering from Conservative to Labour every four years. One of the sharpest changes occurred in 1973, when, upon Labour's assumption of power, a Con-

servative plan for a "motorway box" in central London was immediately scrapped.

Abolition of the council has now become practical politics for two reasons. The first does Mrs Thatcher's government little credit. In 1979 she was faced with implementing a rash promise she had made in 1974 to do away with household rates; ministers were set to work. Months later grand rates reform was as far away as ever and - so as to seem to be doing radical things with an expensive authority enjoying few friends - abolition of the GLC, together with the metropolitan counties, was suggested to fill the gap.

Abolition had been talked about previously, in a desultory way, until a Conservative elder statesman, Lord Marshall, did a

study which concluded there was a case for keeping the GLC.

Mrs Thatcher, so we are told, has not finally given up on rates reform. Meanwhile, abolition got on the political agenda for her second term of office.

What clinched the argument against the council was Mr Ken Livingstone.

At County Hall the Livingstone phenomenon at first meant, in the words of Miss Valerie Wise, the house feminist, "sitting at a life-size Monopoly board". But there followed the Law Lords' rejection of the GLC's cheap fares scheme and legal objections to Labour's complicated plans for enterprise boards and industrial regeneration.

One of the most striking aspects of the Livingstone regime has been its unparalleled gener-

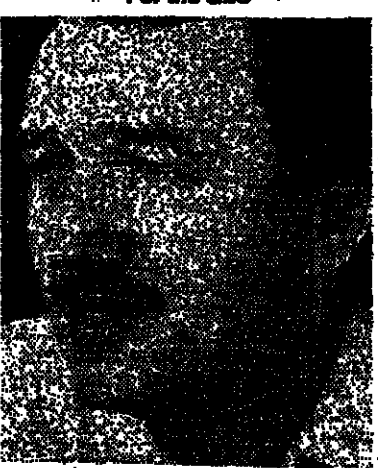
osity with grants of money to groups of all kinds, with the effect of building a stage army of people who derive their livelihood from the GLC but do not appear on its employment list.

In the two years since he attained power Mr Livingstone has made himself - or been made, since he has had spectacular attention from the mass media - into a national celebrity. Some would claim he is the best-known socialist politician in the country. He certainly is a vocal affront to the Government's policies of municipal economy and financial prudence.

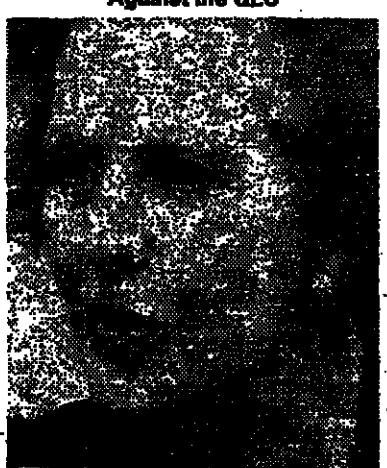
Mrs Thatcher has little to fear from the GLC's Conservatives. In recent years they have been riven, and only last week they lost three of their members after criticisms of their role in the management of housing associations to which the GLC had lent money.

The London boroughs' attitude towards County Hall is equivocal. The Tory boroughs, led by Kensington and Westminster, have for some time been agitating for the end of the GLC and its precept - the amount the boroughs have to collect from ratepayers, on its behalf. The Labour boroughs, especially those in the centre, defend their party colleagues at the GLC for their role in transferring resources from rich to less well-off parts of the capital. But even they are often critical of the duplication of planning and road management functions with County Hall.

One thing is certain: the day Mrs Thatcher's Government abolishes the GLC, the only people who will be on the streets will be Mr Livingstone and Labour Party politicians. The public will not be moved.



● London needs a voice like other major cities
● Services should be democratically accountable
● Major services such as fire need to be run on a London-wide basis
● Ken Livingstone could be replaced by a Tory at a future election



● Abolition would save money
● The GLC duplicates services with the boroughs
● It lacks the power properly to be "strategic"
● The GLC will be inefficient whichever party is in control

moreover... Miles Kington

Do you read me, Luton Airport?

For many of us, sitting around at Gatwick or Luton airports on our holidays is the only chance we get to catch up on current reading. Here is a selection of new summer books which will fit neatly into hand luggage or, later, airport litter bins.

Starving Makes You Fat (Dutch Elm Books, £6.95). Geoffrey Cannon has evolved the amazing theory that going without food altogether makes you put on weight. He has studied the case histories of 50 political figures who went on hunger strike but then went on to gain weight when their demands had been met. At least two of them became president of their country. Cannon's conclusion: don't fast unless you take politics seriously.

Terrorism Makes Yasser Arafat (Chateau Windus, 1983). Richard Wunderkind traces the decline of Arafat's power in the past year and evolves the amazing theory that it is entirely due to demoralization, caused by people constantly coming up to him and saying: "I'm Yasser, Gizza job, I can do it." This goes against the normal theory that his decline is due to wearing pyjamas and never shaving. Either way, it is a sombre study of a once powerful man ousted by younger, more fiery rivals.

The Battle For The Sunday Times (Observer Gossip Team, £3.50). A hastily produced volume covering the bloodless coup whereby strong man Frank Giles was ousted by fiery, thrusting 23-year-old Andrew Neil, in an effort to get down the weight of *The Sunday Times*. It failed disastrously; the paper is still grossly obese and weighed down by unread sections.

The Battle For Private Eye (Military Study Unit, £15). A sober but gripping study of last week's bloodless coup in which elder statesman Richard Ingrams was ousted by seven-year-old Ian Hislop, dynamic ex-editor of the *Economist* Comic Kuss Section. The conclusion of the 600-page study is that thrusting, fiery young men will always, with the proper tactics, take over an ailing command. This is followed by a hastily written appendix covering Ingrams's return from holiday to take over from the ailing, worn-out seven-and-a-half-year-old Hislop.

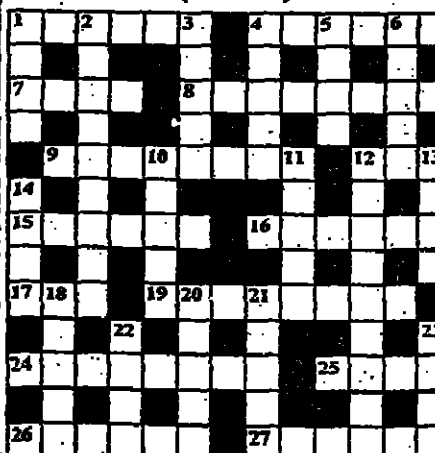
Running Makes You Go Backwards (Hamilton House, £8.50). After a lifelong study of running, Geoffrey Cannon has come up with the revolutionary theory that, although the vast majority of joggers go forwards, running backwards may actually be better for you. By exercising seldom used muscles, it has a more immediate effect on the body and does wonderful things to the metabolic rate (there is a diagram). In time it may lead to your becoming editor of *The Sunday Times*, though Mr Cannon is too modest to stress his own candidature.

The History of St Frank-Giles-in-the-Strand (Benjamen Press, £20). This wonderful old structure receives a sympathetic treatment, combined with an appeal for more money now that it is not so often used. There is a drawing.

My Yorkshire (Riding Press, £7.95). Roy Hattersley puts forward a persuasive argument for his election as leader of the Yorkshire Writers Party, ahead of such fancied candidates as Keith Waterhouse, Michael Parkinson, Fred Trueman, etc. His claims to have the biggest collection of tram tickets in the country are not in doubt, more problematical is his insistence that only writers born in Yorkshire are qualified to captain or even join the party. This seems a deliberate ploy to disqualify the hugely popular James Herriot. There is a photograph of a gob-stopper.

Travel Gets You Nowhere (Stationary Press). Geoffrey Cannon has spent a lifetime going all over the globe; now he concludes that he might just as well have stayed at home for all the effect it had on his weight, knowledge or indeed chances of editing *The Sunday Times*. His conclusion: you can learn much more about the world by reading about it than going there, especially by buying books like *Travel Gets You Nowhere*.

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JOANNA LUMLEY'S DIARY

Of maxi-jodhpurs and Denver boots

I parked very near the shops... well, on the pavement outside, to be exact... and cantered inside. In these days of restricted parking and Denver Boots, I find it is often safer to drive straight to your destination, nip in, nip out, and speed off. The lack of logic in the application of the Boot astounds me: if the car is so dangerously parked, is causing such congestion, why would it be the spot for two or three hours? I must say they are quite a gay colour... but I digress. Inside the shop, which was having a sale, I had climbed into a pair of white, sawn-off jodhpurs which, not displaying lucidly enough their size of the label, were far too big. Suddenly the manageress cried "Look out! Traffic warden! run!" "But..." I said, pointing at the trousers. "Run!" she repeated. Pausing only to throw on a surgeon's shirt and some dark glasses, I galloped out, activated the



machine and parked by the dustbins in the next street. As I walked back past a pavement cafe, I was aware that all eyes were on my vast dhoti and the enormous amount of sale labels fluttering off her waist, neck and sleeve. When I got back, it appeared that the young warden would have been happy to leave me in my safe, illegal position for the time it would have taken me to de-breek and say so.

My beloved Aunt notched up threescore and ten on Thursday, which is difficult to believe as she is still whistled at by drivers as she vaults on and off buses. We celebrated with a surprise party; some of us were expected, but the scores of guests made very satisfactory entrances and were greeted with cries of amazement and displays of affectionate disbelief. We dined at a favourite restaurant, ate sumptuous fare, propped our elbows on the table. The Aunt, who has hitherto always seemed in command of her marbles, said to no one in particular: "Oh, darlings, it's just like that. Providence Jo does... This is Your Bluff!"

Diddle-dum on a good train to Bournemouth to see a dear one in his summer show at the Pavilion. Maybe it was the baking, hazy sunlight or the bland blue waste of the sea: whatever spell Bournemouth wove, I was caught in a trice in its arachnean net. We set off to see Corfe Castle, windows wound down in the small car, arms already going brown in the sun. The great jagged ruins loomed above us as we parked in a leafy lane, and walked under the ramparts along a shady footpath in flowery solitude. This is the way to see castles! Imagine them as they were before the

philistine Cromwell reduced them to rubble, contemplating in silence the stony strength of the architecture. We turned the corner and came upon several school outings, two groups of foreign visitors and squadrons of toddlers. The school children were the first to spot us. "Hi de hi Sapphire," they yelled, getting us both in one, as it were. We puffed on up the crumbling masonry with set smiles, and gazed across the sleeping countryside far below. "Coocoo Purdey," said a face a foot away, framed in an archway. "Hi de hi!" As we stumbled hastily through the castle gates into the village, the air rang with boots of recognition, the towers bristled with beady eyes.

Another trip to Dorset - West, this time - to stay with favourite cousins on a small farm, deep in a lush green valley with a trout pond, and surrounded by hills covered with gorse, foxgloves and rabbits. Dine on home-grown everything. Sleep like the dead: rise early to help feed the chickens and geese, ducks and bantams. Catch horses and ride round farm. Change into silk dress, put on face and drive to Yeovil to open Scout Fayre. Walk through guard of honour cubs, while band plays. Speeches of welcome and then judge baby competition. (This was the only bad bit of the day: how can you judge babies? They clearly don't give a button, but the anxious faces of the parents still haunt me. When I was a baby, I could easily have been given to a zoo). Stroll around stalls: buy basket, child's cardigan, necklace (30p). Five on a Secret Trail, pencils, scones, the lot. Win Granny doll in lucky draw. (Actually, I don't think I did win it: I think they gave her to me to make up for my spectacular bad luck in all the other lucky draws.) Farewells, drive back to the Smoke, with brown eggs, sponge cakes and flowers.



This summer weekends are full of fests, fairs and open days. On Sunday Battersea Park jammed with would-be mountaineers and reggae bands on the Capital Venture Day, last week the long hot day at Chessington, where the police and the Varieties Club played co-hosts to 13,000 children. On Tuesday, we have a rather smaller occasion: the launch of the appeal for Chiswick Family Rescue. I went down to the Refuge on Friday to help with the television film and saw again the crammed, dingy rooms, the hopeless inadequacy of the kitchen, the bedrooms where damp bunks jostle babies' cots, the broken windows and bare light bulbs. One small boy followed me around, watching me closely. "You look different from a month ago," he said, looking critically at the vogueish plait at the back of my head. "Last time you were younger."

FIRST PERSON

Veronica Stokes's daughter walked out of hospital to try to die, and no one could stop her

It was not just the knowledge that my daughter was missing that chilled my blood that hot summer evening last year. It was the realization that the hospital, where I thought she was being safely looked after, had let her go. The fact that they had been obliged by law to let her discharge herself nearly led to her death later that night.

Jane had been ill for some time. Recurrent eating problems of anorexic type, interspersed with periods of depression had plagued her late teens and young adulthood. Last winter she had been further weakened by glandular fever and, urged by ourselves and her London GP, she had been attending the psychiatric department at a nearby hospital on a weekly basis. The summer months had seen little improvement in the depression. Life at work had become more uncertain, and redundancies were cutting into the staff at the office where Jane worked. The fact that her younger sister, Anne, had recently married seemed only to rub in her own problems.

Then in July came a devastating family blow - my husband and I were both unexpectedly made redundant at the school where we worked, and were obliged to move from the house which had been home to all the children almost as long as they could remember. We moved to our new home, an old thatched cottage, on an oppressively hot day towards the end of the month. Anne and her husband, John, had come down from London to help, bringing Jane with them. All day long, as we sweated in and out with our belongings, she lay face down under a tree on the lawn, saying she wished she were dead. Over the next few days, things got steadily worse.

Each morning she would say, as if in the grip of some compulsion, that she could not, would not, live out the day. She seemed driven out of her mind by black clouds of horror beyond her control. It was also beyond our limits to cope as day after day we tried everything to help her, from hours of sympathetic and loving listening to more practical methods such as long swims and walks.

Feeling out of our depth, we took her to our own local doctor. He assured us that it was highly unlikely that she would actually attempt or succeed in committing suicide, and prescribed anti-depressants. We got the distinct impression that we were over-reacting, in his view.

I was not convinced, and became increasingly anxious if I called her and got no reply from her room. At the end of the week she decided to return to her job, and with considerable misgivings we saw her on to the train.

The following Saturday, Anne rang us to say that between them, she and Jane's GP had got Jane admitted into the psychiatric unit of the hospital she had been attending as an outpatient. Jane had gone

Coping with a death wish



willingly, at the end of a week in which she had alarmed her office companions by talk of throwing herself from the windows, and distressed her boss by saying she would never see him again as she would be dead by Monday.

We felt relieved that Jane was in safe hands at last, and would now begin to receive appropriate help. On the Monday I went up to London to visit her. Anne and John gave me supper, and we walked to the hospital. It was then that I learned that my gravely depressed, suicidal daughter had left the hospital at lunchtime. Discharged against her will, with her consent. A nurse even got out a rule-book to show me that they had no way to stop her.

I felt a rising tide of panic. "But why weren't we TOLD?" "She's over age, and didn't ask for anyone to be told."

Incredible as it seemed, they were not responsible. "What do we do now?" I asked helplessly. The nurse shrugged, quite sympathetically. "You could try looking for her."

Horrible fantasies raced through my imagination

How do you start looking for someone who is missing in central London? You ring the Metropolitan Police with a description and list her as a missing person. You ring everyone you can think of who might have seen her or know something. Jane had already been missing for eight hours.

We returned to the house and searched her bedroom for any clue that she might have returned. But Anne could tell at a glance that nothing had been altered or disturbed since Jane left for the hospital. We walked rather desperately round the rest of the house; anything to be occupied.

The three other tenants were away on holiday - two of the rooms were deserted, the other locked. It was a stifling hot night, and seemed to get more and more oppressive as the hours dragged on. I thought of telephoning my husband, but de-

cided against it. What could he do, far away in Hampshire? After all, Jane might yet walk in...

Around midnight, we decided to try to get some sleep. John and Anne went to their room upstairs, and I sat down on the sitting-room sofa. I wanted to hear any sound of a key in the front door lock.

Between midnight and four am every horrible fantasy raced and tumbled through my imagination. I saw a body dragged from the Thames... mangled on a railway line... perhaps worst of all, a lonely figure just lying somewhere. I pictured a funeral, and the empty place at Christmas dinner.

At four am, I heard someone in the bathroom above. Then footsteps, and silence once more. Maybe Anne was awake too. I decided to make a cup of tea for us both as I had had enough of my sleepless vigil and I went upstairs to see who wanted tea.

On the landing, I could hardly believe my eyes. The door to Jane's room was open, the light was burning. Jane herself was lying on the quilt, fully dressed.

I rushed in, gasping with relief. "Darling, where HAVE you been? Are you all right? When did you get in? How did you open the front door so quietly?" She answered quite slowly. "I've been upstairs in Peter's room. I locked myself in when I got back from the hospital. I've taken such a lot of pills, and I do feel sick."

She had been lying upstairs for about ten hours, after taking dozens of aspirin and some paracetamol and half a bottle or so of vodka. It didn't take long for the ambulance to arrive, and we were soon in the casualty department of the nearest hospital - waiting while the necessary procedures were carried out. The nurse told me that she had seen a girl kill herself with a smaller dose - luckily Jane was strong. Paracetamol was the main danger, as it can cause liver damage. She would have to be on a drip and watched carefully for a day or two.

Later, in the ward, Jane would only whisper: "I wanted to die... I still want to die."

Four days later, out of physical danger, she was transferred back to the psychiatric ward at her original

hospital, and I returned home for the weekend. A friend's daughter was to be married, and we had promised to help with the wedding. We didn't want to let them down - my husband was taking the photographs, and we were having the bridegroom and best man to stay. I sat through the wedding blinking back my tears, watching a happy girl of Jane's age on her great day. As soon as we got home from the reception we rang the hospital for news.

They were sorry, they said, but Jane had discharged herself that afternoon; had returned to her lodgings and taken another overdose, where a fellow lodger had discovered her. She was now, they believed, once more in the casualty department of another hospital receiving emergency attention.

Our feelings this time were nothing short of despair. How could we ensure her safety? Luckily we had Jane's GP on our side. At his request, a conference was set up at the hospital consisting of the consultant psychiatrist, a deputy psychiatrist, a psychotherapist, a nurse, Jane's GP, and ourselves. Jane came too.

The consultant was patient and charming. He explained that "sectioning" a patient, which means signing an order confining them to the hospital, was completely against his principles. Surely we could not possibly want our daughter detained against her will? She must be responsible for her own actions.

I began to feel I must be mad myself

We felt that this was our last chance to get Jane somehow kept safe until the nightmare compulsion to kill herself had passed, as it surely must, given time and help. We said we didn't care who was responsible - all we wanted was our daughter alive and safe. We pointed out that under the present circumstances it was impossible for us to lead any semblance of a normal life; we were obliged for our own peace of mind

to ring the hospital several times a day to check that Jane was still there (as the hospital were not prepared to tell us unless we asked) and to hold ourselves ready to dash 70 miles to London at a moment's notice. All the while we pleaded, Jane sat in the room listening - or half-listening - a pathetic figure in her dressing-gown. If she was in a state fit to take decisions, I began to feel I must be mad myself.

At last the psychiatrist leaned forward and gave us his decision: he was prepared to do a compromise deal with Jane and ourselves. He asked her outright whether she would be prepared to give him a promise not to discharge herself from the hospital again. Jane replied that she would try, but she couldn't absolutely promise because the overwhelming urge might sweep over her again. Very well then, the psychiatrist replied, in that case he would leave orders that if she tried to discharge herself, he was to be sent for personally to try to dissuade her. If he failed, he would then sign a temporary section order which would in effect confine her to the hospital for 28 days. It was as though we could actually breathe again for the first time since she had entered the hospital.

This was not the end of Jane's suicidal phase. She is in another hospital now, still fairly depressed, and will probably remain there (at her own choice) for some months. But at least she has had the chance to get through the period of acute danger. And we can begin to hope again.

We all know the risks and evils of the system in some other countries, where people can be incarcerated for years in mental hospitals against their will, merely because of their political beliefs, or on the pressure of some vindictive relative. Last summer we saw the other side of the coin: how, in this country, our respect for the freedom of the individual can sometimes lead to the very brink of tragedy for that individual and his or her family. It is the price we seemingly must pay for the principles we hold so dear. For us, this year, the price became nearly too high.

Family policy test

COMMENT

As the political dust settles, what substantial proposals will emerge from the Government's leaky Family Policy Group? Certainly, as a new report from the Stat Commission on the Family shows, any worthwhile "family policy" would place the needs of one parent families near the top of its agenda for the 1980s. Yet, a combination of economic recession, public spending constraints and a return to so-called Victorian values could make this a grim decade for the growing number of such families. Indeed among one of the many batches of recently leaked documents - that concerning the possible means-testing of child benefits - was a reference to support for such families as "subsidizing immorality and illegitimacy."

What are the facts? Between 1971 and 1981 the number of one-parent families increased from 570,000 to about one million and the number of children involved grew from one million to approximately 1.5 million. Today about one in eight children lives in one parent families.

How do one parent families fare? In financial terms the situation is bad: about 47 per cent of one parent families have incomes below, just at, or only 20 per cent above the supplementary benefit level, against 6 per cent of married couples with children. Children from one parent families represent about 43 per cent of all children in families dependent on supplementary benefit.

more at risk from mental illness.

A wide range of evidence also shows that in general the children of one parent families fare badly in terms of education and behaviour.

To many lone parents such debate is a little academic. The likely fact is that Britain will continue to experience high levels of divorce. Conciliation services are crucial if the divorce of parents is not to mean also the "divorce" of the child from one of its parents.

A better system of financial support is needed. Too many one parent families are dependent on a system of supplementary benefits which was largely designed in the 1940s.

The present debate about the abolition of the married man's tax allowance could have spin-offs for lone parents. Were some of the more than £3,000m locked-up in this allowance to be transferred into child benefit, this would help lone parents among others. Moreover, if the additional personal allowance for lone parents in the tax system was converted into a cash benefit, the level of the additional child benefit for lone parents - one parent benefit - currently £3.56, could be significantly increased.

Family life in Britain is not being undermined, but it is changing. The rise of the one parent family is perhaps the most visible indicator of this fact. Unless social trends are understood and acted upon, too many children - the innocent victims of change - suffer from poverty, squalor and deprivation.

Malcolm Wicks

The author is director of the Centre for Family Policy Studies (One Parent Families: Parents, Children and Public Policy, by Jennie Popay, Lesley Rimmer and Chris Rimmer is published by The Stat Commission on the Family, price £4.25, including p & p) available from: 3 Park Road, London NW1 6XN.

TALKBACK

Service with no smile

From Mrs L. F. Wood, 8 Beadon Road, Bromley, Kent. I read with interest your article "Flagging round the flag" (Friday Page June 10) because for several years I too was a Foreign Service wife.

While agreeing with many of the points made about the problems encountered, my experience would place the emphasis differently. We served in Vietnam, West Germany and Pakistan, and I benefited in many ways from living in all three countries.

There were difficulties of loneliness and disorientation but these were considerably less formidable than those caused by the Service itself. I came across many examples, and heard of many more. As well as inefficiencies and maladministration, there were instances of blatant and callous lack of care. It appeared to be beyond the power of the Civil Service to ensure that those who, for example, failed to have basic information it was their business to know, who neglected to answer urgent letters and telegrams, or who failed to carry out their administrative duties, were removed from positions where they could mess up other people's lives. Their deficiencies, sometimes trivial individually, could cause much unnecessary distress to families abroad.

At first I was happy to take the rough with the smooth and accept the risks as a balance to the benefits, but in the end I realized I could no longer submit to such treatment. My confidence in the system had been destroyed.

Graceful age

From Stanley V. John, 8 Centre Point, Avondale Square, Old Kent Road, London. May I comment on the article

"Sex and the 61-year-old Ms" (Wednesday page, June 22).

If one understands and is not afraid of sex it can still be enjoyed by the elderly. Helen Gurney Brown is a successful and wealthy lady but I was appalled at the length she goes for her health and appearance. A person must be very insecure to resort to seeing a "shrink". If one understands life and has endeavoured to come to terms with it, one does not need to do this. It is only by suffering and experience that one comes to terms with life, but one can find hard enough, one can find contentment and peace of mind without all the paraphernalia that Helen Gurney Brown goes through.

Pregnant stress

From Mrs Joanna Fulford, Garroby View, Sherburngate Road, Peckington, Humberside. Doctors might well be concerned about the real effects of hard or stressful work on pregnant women, or those trying to start families (Medical Briefing, June 24).

The Office of Population Censuses and Surveys would do well to investigate the effects of being in the teaching profession. The numbers of female teachers attending infertility clinics is considerable, and it would be a fairly easy task to collect data to support or mitigate the concern of doctors treating working women, teachers or otherwise.

Within the profession, we wrily say "The best form of contraception is to marry a teacher", and it works both ways.

CORRECTION

Dorothy Reilly's appeal (Friday page, June 24) is for £100,000, not £2,500 as stated.

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

Eating under the sun

Very lightly salted by the soy sauce, so salt the food a little more immediately before grilling it so that the salt does not have time to draw much moisture from the flesh.

Chunky beef kebabs tenderized in a marinade based on pineapple juice are a speciality of Anguilla. My taste buds reckon pork and pineapple is a more toothsome combination. Pork and pineapple kebabs

Serves eight
1.35 kg (3 lbs) fillet or tenderloin of pork
1 large, ripe pineapple
4 tablespoons cane or malt vinegar
4 tablespoons molasses

1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce or cayenne pepper
24 small onions, peeled
24 cherry tomatoes, or 12 small tomatoes, halved
2 or 3 large peppers
Cut the meat into 24 large cubes. Cut the pineapple in halves, lengthwise, then cut each half into three pieces. Remove the central core and cut 24 cubes of flesh from the segments. Set them aside. Squeeze the juice from the core and offcuts, using a mechanical juicer or chopping the flesh finely and squeezing it in a sieve or cloth. If there is less than 150 ml (1/2 pint) juice, make it up to

that amount with unsweetened tinned or bottled juice.

Combine the juice, vinegar, molasses and Tabasco or cayenne in a shallow dish and mix well. Turn the cubes of meat in the mixture and leave them to marinate at room temperature for at least one hour and up to three hours, turning them occasionally. (Do not leave the meat in a pineapple marinade for any longer than three hours because the enzymes in the pineapple juice will tenderize it too much and the meat will lose its texture.)

Blanch the onions, unpeeled, in boiling water for five minutes then take off the skins. If you are not using cherry tomatoes, halve the larger ones. Remove the stalks from the peppers and take out the ribs and seeds. Cut the flesh into 24 squares. Blanch the pepper pieces in boiling water for five minutes, then drain.

Divide the meat, pineapple cubes, onions, tomatoes and pepper squares between eight long skewers or 16 smaller ones. Cook over charcoal, basting frequently with the marinade.

Whole fish can be barbecued, and so can thick steaks of firm fleshed fish like cod and salmon. The garlic, ginger and chilli marinade might be expected to kill the flavour of the fish, but it does not. It makes a well seasoned outer layer which complements the juicy interior of the fish steaks.

Barbecued fish steaks

Serves eight
8 thick fish steaks, cod or salmon
150 ml (1/2 pint) peanut oil
4 lemons
1 large onion, chopped
6 cloves garlic, crushed
2.5 cm (1 inch) cube fresh ginger, crushed
1 small hot chilli, or cayenne pepper
Salt

Coriander or parsley leaves to garnish
Dry the fish steaks with kitchen paper. In a blender or food processor combine four tablespoons of the oil with the juice of two of the lemons, the onion, garlic, ginger, chilli or cayenne and salt. Blend to a fairly smooth paste. Alternatively, pound the onion, garlic, ginger and chilli in a pestle and mortar, and stir in four tablespoons of the oil and the juice of two of the lemons.

Spread half the paste on a large dish and lay the fish steaks on top of it. Brush the remaining marinade on to the fish and leave it to marinate for an hour or two at room temperature.

When you are ready to cook the fish brush both the fish steaks and the cooking grid liberally with oil, and cook the fish slowly over charcoal. Fish easily breaks up if it is grilled too quickly too near the heat source.

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Talking shopfloor

Alas, it seems the new House of Commons is somewhat less industrious than the old. The Industry and Parliament Trust, having examined the careers of 137 of the new MPs, has so far discovered only eight who appear to have the experience that would have taught them how industry works. Among the new boys those who pass the Trust's test are less than half the proportion the Trust deemed adequately knowledgeable in the old Parliament. Alan Eden-Green, director of the Trust, admits that there may be some borderline cases among the five accountants, nine business consultants and three personnel managers he identified, but he does not count three coal miners. More comprehensive experience than digging coal, he says, is offered by the Trust's 25-day scholarships for parliamentarians, and he expects a flood of applications.

Sauce!

At the launch of Roy Hattersley's *Yorkshire Boyhood*, Foot was generously dubbed "the second best journalist in the Parliamentary Labour Party" by the man second most likely to succeed, and Sir Robin Day ambivalently thanked "for so often playing Morecambe to my Wise". Hattersley also told me that someone had attempted to put him in direct line of descent from Laurie Lee as a child and mentioned by nicknaming the new book *Tizer with Roydie*. Hattersley would not tell who coined this gem. These journalists - always protecting their sources!

Overheard during a long wait in Birkett Tunnel because of engine failure on the threatened line between Seale and Carlisle: "It is the age of the train that is the trouble."

Line of duty call

Faulted again. Wimbledon press office now tell me the person from whom they confiscated a Rover press pass was the son not of *The Guardian's* editor, Peter Preston, to whom I apologise, but of its sports editor, Jon Samuel. Samuel has protested the decision: "My son was performing the regular messenger function of collecting a programme essential to our operation," he says. "He was not abusing press facilities."

In the market

The long list of possible successors to Ralf Dahrendorf as director of the London School of Economics includes Michael Posner, chairman of the Social Science Research Council, Christopher McMahon, deputy governor of the Bank of England, and Edward Heath. The list was compiled by the 12 members of the special selection committee headed by Sir Huw Weldon, chairman of the school's governors. Other nominees include the sociologist Gary Runcie, Dr Edmund Lisle, former head of the social science division of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, and Ronald Dore, assistant director of the Technical Change Centre. Informed sources consider the Australian-born McMahon one of the strongest contenders.

BARRY FANTONI



"I was hoping they would build it at Stansed"

Stage craft

Christopher Short changed his name to Michael Lovett to enter the Texaco/National Youth Theatre play-writing competition, but he has been a member of the NYT for the past seven years. Like the promising actor he is, he is managed to hide his true identity until he was contacted by the director, Michael Croft, to tell him he had won. Croft spotted a certain familiarity in the voice at the other end of the phone. Short's play, about the Invergonon Murders, will be performed by the NYT later this year.

I have been reading about some of the things that make cremationists burn. *Pharos International*, official journal of the Cremation Society of Great Britain, lists a distressing range of popular misconceptions. First is the common belief that coffins are recycled, and that several bodies are cremated together at dead of night when cheap electricity abounds, with the beavering getting a couple of pounds of assorted ash. There are those who believe that a body sits up in the coffin when the heat hits it, and others who swear that the ground level of Kew Gardens is rising because so many people leave instructions for their ashes to be scattered there. Some of these notions may be laid to rest at the society's national conference next month, when the arrangements include a tour of Harrogate crematorium.

PHS

Situation as before, only worse

Peter Nichols sees the setback suffered by the Christian Democrats in the Italian general election as the shock needed to galvanize the government into action over the country's pressing problems. But will the chance be taken?

Rome. Ever since the Christian Democrats won their absolute majority back in 1948, they have been known as the great white whale of Italian politics. White, as opposed to their principal challengers, who were then and remain the Communists, and a whale because they have always had more size than shape, more flexibility than any recognizable structure.

The dramatic result of this latest general election is that the whale has been wounded more seriously than at any other time. The Christian Democrats have never repeated their 1948 performance of winning an absolute majority but they have consistently remained the country's biggest party and have dominated the governmental scene. They have never been out of government and have provided all but one of the postwar prime ministers.

Comparatively small changes can mean a lot in Italian politics. That is one of the effects of the system of proportional representation. So the fact that the perpetually leading party should now have taken only 32 per cent of the total vote when it had never before gone below 38 was an astonishing outcome, particularly of an election which most commentators had practically written off as likely to provide nothing new. According to the graphic communist view of events, the reaction among the Christian Democrats passed "from incredulity to panic".

The wounded whale is not an animal that can be lightly written

off. The Christian Democrats remain Italy's largest party even if the Communists are now a bare 3 per cent behind them.

While the official results were being declared on Monday night there was a moment when the Communists were a fraction of a percentage point ahead, yet one of the oddities of the election is that the Christian Democrat losses did not strengthen the Communists. These losses went in part to the extreme right, and in part to increase the number of abstentions, and both these destinations can be summed up as a vote of protest. Some also went to the Republicans, who were especially successful in the North.

A fundamental conclusion is then that the basic principles of Italian foreign policy will not change as a consequence of this election.

It is indicative that the Foreign Minister in the outgoing government, Signor Emilio Colombo, whose work has turned on the importance of ties with the West, enjoyed a personal triumph in his native Lucania. His own preferential votes rose from 91,000 to 105,000

and the Christian Democrat party in his area rose to a share of 46 per cent of the total vote while elsewhere it was losing ground.

There can be no doubt that the first effect of this election will be more difficulties in parliament. The last parliament was unwieldy enough. It produced six governments in four years, all of them were marked by quarrelling among the parties which made up this series of coalitions. A new element has now been added: the Christian Democrats will find their own internal problems greater after their defeat, and that will make them more taxing to deal with as they look for scapegoats for the loss of their aura of invincibility.

The Socialists will be no easier. They forced the general election because they felt they would increase their relative strength within the coalition and so be in a position to claim the prime ministership. Their advance was slight and can certainly not be represented, in strictly Socialist interests, as having made the election worthwhile. This increased confusion on the

political scene explains the widespread feeling that when the parliament will have a short and troubled life. There is already talk of another election in the autumn, but that is probably too soon.

The declared aim of the Socialists in insisting on an election was to make the country more governable, and the outcome makes it look much less so. Governmental instability and a refusal to face the country's growing problems with the seriousness they deserve has meant that they have been accumulating beneath the surface of what appears to be a reasonably balanced society. But in the economic field, the public sector debt and inflation still running at more than 16 per cent are practically out of hand. At the same time, more and more young people are emerging from universities which have no competitive system of entry and finding no prospect of work. The next three or four years could well see these problems become threatening.

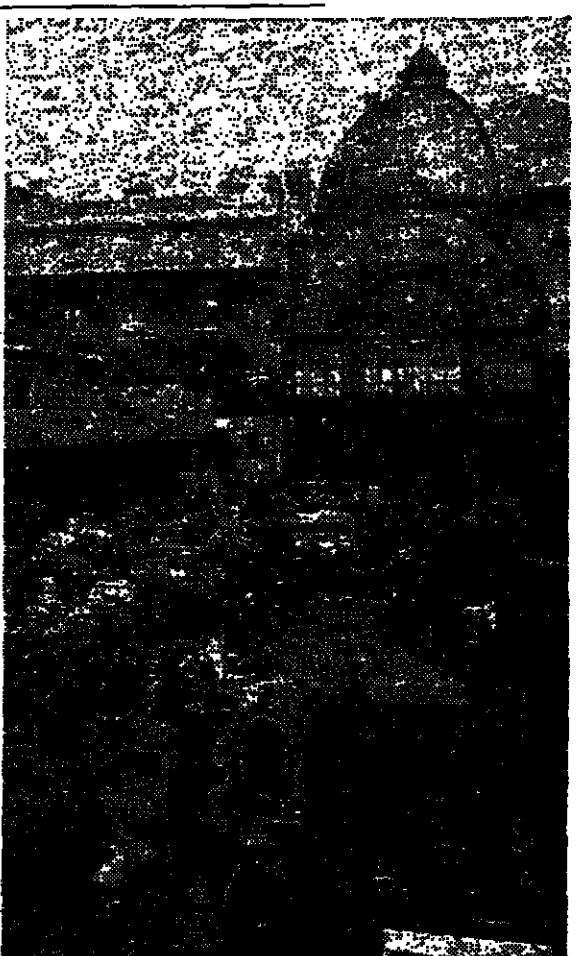
Already fears are being expressed that the murder on Sunday night of Turin's public prosecutor was the work of one of a number of terrorist groups intended to replace those which have been largely eliminated.

This election, by the warnings it contains and by the shock it produced by reducing the strength and prestige of Christian Democracy, will have been worthwhile if these warnings are heard. If not, the blood of the wounded whale could attract the killer sharks.

Gavin Stamp draws up a plan to save the Floral Hall



An 1887 impression of the interior of the Floral Hall, built in the style of the Crystal Palace. Right: market bustle early this century



Kodak Museum

How the Opera can earn a bouquet

The final phase in the great expansion plan for the Royal Opera House is now under way. An architect has been chosen for the empty site in Covent Garden and the various interested planning authorities and amenity societies are now being consulted. A design which has to present suitable frontages to historic streets and which is aesthetically practical - and profitable - will not please everybody, and the decision to do away with the Floral Hall is likely to meet with strong opposition. It is an interesting architectural problem.

The present Opera House, designed by Edward Middleton Barry, is the third building on the Bow Street site and is actually smaller in area (though not in volume) than its predecessor, burnt in 1856. Although it has performed well enough, this building has for long been found much too small to house the elaborate facilities required by an opera and ballet company of international stature.

In 1979, work began on a much-needed backstage extension. This, which enlarges the existing building westwards to James Street, was designed by the Gollins, Milville, Ward partnership and was opened in 1982 to celebrate the Royal Opera House's 250th anniversary. It is arguably a highly successful addition to an historic building although its design infuriated committed modernist critics, for it merely continues Barry's austere stuccoed side elevation. The great blank wall in James Street looks already as if it has always been there, even though it still shamefully lacks capitals to the pilasters and urns on the parapet.

However, a sympathetic stylistic development or pastiche - call it what you will - of Barry cannot be a sufficient answer to the much larger site to the south, which has been owned by the Opera House since 1972. At one stage Messrs GWM proposed an extraordinary Crystal Palace-like development of the iron-and-glass facades of the Floral Hall, but now they have been replaced by William Whitfield as architect for the final extension. Mr Whitfield's solution is partly determined by history and the existing buildings in the vicinity, and partly by the needs of the Opera House: for new dressing rooms and cloakrooms, for storage space for scenery, for a new crush bar and box office - and for lettable commercial space to pay for it.

The site available is vast and valuable. It extends the whole length of the Opera House down to the

north-east perimeter of the Covent Garden piazza and further down to Russell Street. It is at present partly occupied by the Floral Hall and the existing houses in Russell Street; the rest is open, used for a temporary garden, a car park and by Mr Terry Farrell's temporary (I hope) post-modern classical-ironical shed for Clifton Nurseries.

Possibly, on the Opera House's part of the piazza, Inigo Jones's buildings could be recreated, but if they were, they would be overshadowed by the Victorian buildings all around. A more sensible solution would seem to be to imitate Bedford Chambers, which, although of four storeys instead of the original three, maintains the character of Jones's original buildings.

If Clutton's intelligent and - for the 1870s - remarkably respectful design were doubled up on the east side of James Street, the regularity and symmetry of the original piazza, as well as the celebrated arcades, would be restored. Similarly, on the east side, a building of the general character of Russell Chambers, that rather French-looking block housing Tutton's Restaurant which was also designed by Clutton, should be built on the opposite, north corner of Russell Street. The famous arched arcade which is recreated around much of the piazza - except where the south facade of the Floral Hall intrudes.

And here is the rub. The Georgian Group are thrilled to find that Jonesian arcading is to be restored, but the Victorian Society is not pleased to find that the Opera House authorities and William Whitfield have decided to sweep away the remains of the Floral Hall. This is much to be regretted. Not only was the Floral Hall designed as an adjunct to the Opera House by the same architect, E. M. Barry; it was also an extremely fine example of mid-Victorian glass and iron architecture.

The Floral Hall was built in 1858-60 and was the brainchild of Frederick Gye, the great manager whose energy ensured that the Opera House was rebuilt after the fire. As Barry's rebuilt theatre ran east-west whereas Smirke's had run north-south, land was freed to the south of the Opera House which Gye, an enthusiast for prefabricated iron and glass structures, proposed to develop as a superior flower market by day and concert hall by night.

As the Bedford Estate insisted on an ornamental rather than purely utilitarian structure, Barry, the engineer Henry Grissell and the Lucas Brothers, builders - the team responsible for the Opera House itself - produced a more decorative version of the style and structure of Paxton's Crystal Palace of a few

years before. To Bow Street, next to the Opera House's portico, and to the piazza, the Floral Hall presented glass and iron facades with semi-circular tops strongly reminiscent of the Crystal Palace. Above the piazza facade rose a glass dome.

Unfortunately, this splendid structure was, in financial terms, a failure for the Bedford Estate tirelessly declined to take market space in the Floral Hall and instead built its own flower market further south - what is now the London Transport Museum. In 1887 the Bedford Estate bought back the Floral Hall and used it as a foreign fruit market. In 1956 a fire damaged the roof and the glass dome. The upper parts of the building were taken down and replaced by a mean new roof.

But, despite its present ignominious condition, the Floral Hall can be restored, as the highly successful restoration of the central market buildings in the piazza demonstrates. Nor, restored, need it be a white elephant, unsuitable for the Opera House's needs. I really cannot believe that an architect of William Whitfield's considerable resourcefulness is unable to fit the Floral Hall into his overall scheme.

The Floral Hall must be reused. Part of its site is already dedicated to a new crush bar, so that the "conservatory-bar" squeezed into the portico of the Opera House in 1899 can be removed. The Opera House needs more space for drinking, eating and promenading; would not part of the grand glazed space of the Floral Hall, brilliantly lit, decoratively painted and decked out in flowers, be ideal for this? The western parts of the structure could be adapted for other purposes, while the height under the dome is surely sufficient for storing sets and is, conveniently, just to the south of the stage of the Opera House.

Architects often produce their most imaginative and sensitive designs when working within constraints and with existing buildings, and it is not insulting to Mr Whitfield to suggest that he is no exception. I am sure he can please both the Georgians and the Victorians - and the public. After the wonderful restoration of the market buildings and the revitalization of the whole Covent Garden area, it would be an unnecessary tragedy if the Floral Hall should fall a victim to unimaginative vandalism rather than become a final triumph of the conservation policy which has saved Covent Garden.

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Jock Bruce-Gardyne

A choice of styles for the 1922

I was interested to read in my *Times* yesterday morning that when the Tory backbenchers gather tomorrow to pick the leader for the new Parliament they will be offered a choice of styles. Mr Edward Du Cann, the sitting tenant, would, according to "some of his friends", be expected to "represent the interests and views of his backbench colleagues". Mr Cranley Onslow, the challenger, by contrast "would be expected to temper criticism in the interest of backbench-frontbench solidarity". The militant v the toady, in other words.

Now anybody who has ever spent an evening in Mr Onslow's company would, I think, find it difficult to fit him comfortably into the mould of the toady. Although he has twice strayed on to the front bench (most recently in the last Parliament), he has always seemed a natural backbencher: a rugged individualist never renowned for exaggerated respect for the party machine. But it is certainly true that Edward Du Cann, who must by now be about the longest-running chairman in the history of the backbench 1922 Committee, has always been billed as shop steward for the Tory private members.

Indeed it was thought at the time that his original election back in 1972 owed a lot to the expectation that he would take a firm line with the then Prime Minister: an expectation based in turn on the belief that he had parted brass tags with Mr Heath when party chairman in the days of opposition five years before. Mr Du Cann has done much to justify the billing. During the last Parliament he regularly clashed with the Government on both pay and policies. On pay, he went to great lengths to establish a common front with the chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, and on at least one occasion forced the Government to concede a wage claim for backbenchers handsomely in excess of what the Prime Minister had been willing to permit. And in his secondary role as chairman of the Select Committee on the Treasury and Civil Service, he lent his name and his authority to a stream of reports which took a notably sceptical view of Treasury policy. So much so that eyebrows were occasionally raised on the Tory backbenches, where there were those - among them his present challenger - who felt his position as chairman of the 1922 Committee gave to these criticisms a status and an offensiveness which they would otherwise have lacked.

Back in 1981, Cranley Onslow brought before the regular weekly meeting of the 1922 Committee the proposition that it might be best for the chairman to discard one of his many hats and leave the Treasury Committee to someone else. It was a proposition which attracted a fair degree of support, and Mr Du Cann responded by inviting those with

views to express on the matter to write to him. We did. He stayed.

Now, however, he has gone. In advance of tomorrow night's contest he has stepped down from the Treasury Committee. But not before his name had been associated with arguably the most embarrassing of all its recent utterances. In the middle of the election campaign it released a "draft report" which, by implication, attributed half the severity of the recession to the exchange rate policy (or lack of one) pursued in 1979 and 1980. Mr Du Cann protested at the time at the weight attached by Opposition spokesmen and the press to what was no more than a draft prepared by one of the Committee's advisers which had never been approved by the Committee itself. The only



Onslow: traditionalist but no great respecter of the party machine

mystery, in these circumstances, was how it came to have been issued under his name.

The Government, even so, survived and prospered. Still, it will be interesting to see how these events are reflected in the voting tomorrow night. If - inevitably against the odds, for a sitting incumbent has a good head start in these affairs - Mr Onslow were to emerge victorious, anybody who interpreted that as a signal that the backbenches had opted for docility would, I suspect, be in for some surprises. It might be nearer to the mark to see an Onslow victory as a return to the older tradition of the 1922 chairmanship, when the prime purpose of that office was not seen as that of boosting the pay packets of back bench members.

A victory for Mr Du Cann, on the other hand, would logically presage some more fierce battles on the wages front in the months and years ahead. For it is hard to see the new administration shifting with enthusiasm from the not unreasonable position that Members of Parliament knew the terms and conditions of employment when they volunteered to take on the job.

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James Curran

Exams that keep the elite on top

You have at least a one in five chance of being in *Who's Who*, if your father was in it. But your chances drop to one in 1,500, the Cambridge sociologist Anthony Heath calculates, if your father is working-class. (If you are a woman, your prospects are apparently so slim as not even to merit investigation).

Britain is, of course, far from being the open, meritocratic society that it is proclaimed to be by some ideologues on the New Right. Britain's governing class, in other words, has been remarkably successful in transmitting its power and privileges through successive generations.

One clue as to how this has been achieved is provided by the disagreements at Oxford University over its admissions policy. The Dover Report, issued earlier this month, has proposed modest changes to the way in which the University selects its undergraduates. It wants to abolish the post-A-level entrance exam favouring public schools, which alone have the resources, generally speaking, to have third-year sixth forms geared to Oxbridge entrance. And it proposes ways of simplifying the admissions procedure in order to encourage comprehensives, without an Oxbridge tradition, to push their brightest students in Oxford's direction.

Already the report has produced protests from public school headmasters (though not all of them) and has outraged many Oxford dons. This opposition has been expressed powerfully and persuasively, not as special pleading for a privileged group of applicants but as professional concern for the maintenance of academic standards. As one don put it to me: "The report will penalize the able student who clicks only after he has had time to pause and think after the dreadful A-level treadmill. We will lose him, and the University's standards will suffer as a consequence."

If this view prevails, Oxford will continue in the name of academic excellence to select nearly half its undergraduates from a tiny section of the population. Next term, for instance, 47 per cent of its new undergraduates will come from independent schools, which educate only 6 per cent of schoolchildren of all ages (though a higher proportion of A-level students). Only an extreme theory of the genetic transmission of ruling-class intelligence could leave one to suppose that this disproportionate reliance on public schools represents an efficient method of selecting students with the greatest academic potential.

Yet, the debate about Oxford's admissions policy should be the occasion for a much wider discussion about how people are recruited into elite occupations in Britain. The problem that the report is seeking to come to terms with, though this is never fully acknowledged in the report itself, is that exams crystallize the advantage of class.

Public schools supply about one in three undergraduates in British universities, although they educate only one in 17 schoolchildren. Many recruits from state schools also come from not-dissimilar backgrounds: in all 71 per cent of university undergraduates in 1981 came from middle and upper class homes. It is thus not only capital investment in expensive private education that produces academic dividends. What Pierre Bourdieu calls "cultural capital" - the knowledge, skills and orientation transmitted by mainly middle and upper class parents to their children - also assists their offspring to succeed in education.

Of course, some children from privileged homes stumble on the intellectual assault race that overshadows their teens, while some pupils from the most culturally impoverished homes triumph against all the odds. This is what gives exams the appearance of being socially fair. But exams are actually a system of selection that favours the dominant class. And because exams have become progressively more important as a means of career advancement, they have assisted the dominant class to transmit its privileges and power to its children.

The seeming objectivity of exams serves none the less to mask their social consequences. Because they seem to be democratic and to measure innate ability and talent impersonally, they legitimize the reward structure that derives from them. The social hierarchies partly created by the exams system are made to appear as if they are based on a genuine hierarchy of gift, merit and effort.

Exams thus serve a dual purpose. They produce results that favour the dominant class, and they justify that class's continued domination.

But, of course, the exam system is preferable to selections based on the mere inheritance of wealth or ascription by blood or lineage. It does discriminate, however inadequately, between different levels of ability within a limited sphere. What is needed is not so much tinkering with the exam system, as the Oxford reformers propose, as a change in the underlying social processes that prejudice exam results in favour of the privileged.

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WHERE THE CENTRE CAN HOLD

One should never take an electorate for granted, even an Italian one. Italian voting patterns have been remarkably stable since the war, but there have occasionally been significant shifts between one election and the next - most notably between 1972 and 1976 when the Communist share of the poll jumped from 27.1 to 34.4 per cent.

The edge was taken off that achievement by the fact that the Communists did not, as many had predicted, actually overtake the Christian Democrats, whose vote held steady at 35.7 per cent, while the losers were the smaller anti-Communist parties. Many anti-Communist voters, with little love or admiration for the Christian Democrats as such, apparently took the advice given at the time by Signor Indro Montanelli: "hold your nose in the polling booth, but vote DC".

As a result the Communists did not achieve their aim of entering the government. They marked time in the antechamber of power while Italy sank further into the trough of terror and scandal, the low point being the Moro and Leone affairs of 1978. Belief in the Communists as the party of hope and reform began to ebb, and in 1979 their vote went down again to 30.4 per cent.

This year no one was expecting a Communist breakthrough. What the pundits (including ourselves) forgot was that that removed the need for the anti-Communists to hold their noses and vote DC. They were free to vote for the party of their choice. The result has been

a collapse of the Christian Democrat vote and a revival of the small parties. The Communist decline has slowed almost to a standstill, leaving them with 29.9 per cent - still significantly above their level of 1972. The Christian Democrats are still three percentage points above them, but the Christian Democrat share of the total poll is far lower than it has been since the war, and significantly below what the Communists achieved in 1976.

A sense of the long-term shifts of public opinion can best be obtained by comparison with the result of 1972. On that basis the Christian Democrats are down 5.8 per cent, the Communists up 2.6; the Socialists down 1.8; the neo-fascists down 1.9; the Social Democrats down 1.0; the Liberals down 1.0; and the Republicans up 2.3. The Radicals and Proletarian Democracy, who did not compete in 1972, now have 2.2 and 1.5 per cent of the votes respectively.

Somewhat schematically, one could translate this as a swing from right to left over the last eleven years of about eight per cent, but with a centre block of about twelve per cent (Republicans, Social Democrats and Liberals) still holding the balance. Neither in votes nor in seats is there a left-wing majority, nor a right or centre-right majority. Signor Berlinguer's point that there is a possible majority without the Christian Democrats is a purely debating one. Such a majority would have to include not only Socialists (who under Signor

Craxi's leadership have ruled it out), but also one or more of the centre parties which would certainly not contemplate it.

The only possible majority remains the one which has governed Italy for most of the last two decades: the centre-left composed of Christian Democrats, Socialists and Republicans, with Social Democrats and/or Liberals for greater comfort.

Within that majority, the Christian Democrats remain arithmetically the dominant force. But their relative weight is severely diminished by their unprecedented losses. Signor de Mita's efforts to renovate the party and pass himself off as an Italian equivalent of Mrs Thatcher have clearly failed to convince the voters. A bout of internal wrangling and a search for a new leader are bound to ensue.

What the Christian Democrats really need is a few years in opposition to sort themselves out. But since the system does not permit them that luxury, the next best thing is to relinquish the prime minister's office to someone capable of giving the country a lead. Signor Craxi certainly is a candidate. Indeed he brought about the election precisely for that purpose, but the increase in the Socialist vote from 9.8 to 11.4 per cent scarcely justifies the manoeuvre. A stronger claim would be that of Signor Spadolini, who led the best Italian government of recent years in 1981-2, and whose small Republican party made greater gains in the elections than any other.

FRAUD BEFORE THE COURTS

The apparent inability of English criminal procedures to deal effectively with commercial and financial frauds is a matter of public concern. The problem lies not so much in the inordinate length and expense of the trials and retrials (although those are bad enough) as in the method of trial itself. Trial by jury is a popular and widely respected institution, which is seen as a guarantee of the liberty of the individual and as a symbol of our democratic society. That is not to say, however, that it is indispensable for every kind of criminal trial. Complicated fraud cases involving the ingenious schemes used by present day swindlers are not well suited to this method of trial.

In most cases of dishonesty or fraud the jury is an excellent tribunal for determining innocence or guilt because its members can draw on their own experience in deciding where the truth lies and whether or not the accused acted dishonestly. But a complicated fraud case can take the jurors into a quite alien world involving complex facts and highly technical and voluminous evidence. To expect them first to understand the facts (a hard enough task for the judge and lawyers in the case) and then assess whether the accused acted dishonestly in the context of business and commercial practices with which they may be totally unfamiliar is to expect too much.

It is commonly thought that the jury's difficulty in comprehending the facts and issues in complicated fraud cases tends to

lead to unjustified acquittals, but it is at least possible that there are also wrong convictions, which, because of the invariability of a jury verdict, can rarely be challenged successfully on appeal. It is known that considerations of these kinds have led prosecutors to accept pleas of guilty to relatively minor charges in preference to running the risk of a perverse acquittal on more serious charges. The cost of long trials and the strain they put on the jury also operate as powerful disincentives to a prosecution.

Clearly something needs to be done if the law is to be able to continue to fulfil its function of protecting the public against large-scale fraud while at the same time ensuring a fair trial for those accused of it. There are various options. One might be to re-introduce the special jury, consisting of specially qualified persons to try these cases. But such an idea looks undemocratic and, even if Parliament could be persuaded to agree to it, a special jury might well not command public confidence. An acquittal, for instance, might easily be seen as a case of the City looking after its own.

Another alternative, which seems to be gaining favour with the senior judiciary might be to introduce a system of trial by a judge, preferably with commercial experience, sitting with perhaps two expert assessors. The assessors would assist the judge in evaluating the evidence, as they do in civil actions such as patent and admiralty cases, but the decision would be that of the

judge. There would be a reasoned judgment, as in civil cases, from which there would be a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal.

A solution, on these lines would have some advantages compared to our present system. Above all it should provide a higher standard of justice based on a skilled appreciation of the facts of the case. Also, because there would be a reasoned decision, it should provide a more effective right of appeal than exists where the decision is jury verdict. In addition, trials would be less protracted and would be less of an ordeal for the accused.

There is a precedent for a development of this kind. In civil actions in the Queen's Bench Division there is a statutory right to trial by jury, just as in libel actions, in cases where there is an allegation of fraud, but the statute makes an exception for cases where "the Court is of opinion that the trial requires any prolonged examination of documents or accounts which cannot conveniently be made with a jury."

If the decision as to the mode of trial were to be left to the court, there would have to be a right of appeal against an order for trial by a judge. Initially, however, it might be sensible to limit the application of such a provision to cases where the defendant agreed to this form of trial, in order to give an opportunity for the new arrangements to be reviewed in the light of experience before deciding whether to remove the decision from the defendant's control.

REFIT FOR THE ROCK

It was reasonable for the Ministry of Defence to propose in 1981 that the Gibraltar dockyard should be grouped with Chatham and Portsmouth for closure as part of its remit to contain runaway defence expenditure. Gibraltar only provided four per cent of the Navy's dockyard capacity, and the British unions would certainly have objected if Chatham had been axed while Gibraltar had escaped the block.

It was much less reasonable, however, for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to fail to make the political case more effectively than it did for retaining the Gibraltar yard. There is no foreign power - friendly or otherwise - laying claim to sovereignty over Chatham: nor have successive British governments of both parties had to pledge themselves to sustain and support the economy of Chatham as long as alien coercion lasts. Gibraltar is not just another dockyard town, as Chatham is. It is a British colony living under Spanish economic and political duress, and its dockyard is the mainstay of its economy.

It is planned to commercialize the dockyard at a cost of £40m for the conversion. Its annual running costs now amount to about £10m. If the frontier with Spain were fully open, and the Gibraltarians had had time to

diversify their economy, the commercialization could become the core of a great economic expansion on the Rock. But the frontier is not fully open and there are few signs that the Spanish will allow it to be fully opened in the near future, in spite of the commitment to do so which was made under the Lisbon Agreement three years ago.

That agreement, signed by Lord Carrington and Señor Orca, contained an undertaking by Britain to negotiate on all differences between the two countries over Gibraltar provided that all Spanish restrictions on the Rock were lifted simultaneously with the opening of negotiations. That has not happened, even under the new government of Señor Gonzalez.

The chief minister of Gibraltar will be in London today for consultations with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He brings with him misgivings about the plan to commercialize the dockyards at a time when Gibraltar faces severe economic difficulties resulting from the partial opening of the frontier. Spain still does not allow full and normal communication with Gibraltar so that Gibraltarians are spending millions of pounds each year in Spain while Spanish visitors are unable to spend an equivalent

sum in Gibraltar since they may not bring back purchases across the frontier.

Britain should be working hard to secure Spanish entry into the EEC. That would be good both for the EEC and for Spain. We are friends, nearly colleagues in the Community and official allies within Nato. The problem of Gibraltar should thus be tackled sensibly in the terms defined by the Lisbon agreement. It cannot be done so while Spain imposes unilateral restrictions on a frontier which would have to be fully open with Spain in the EEC.

Britain has given formal undertakings to uphold the Gibraltar constitution, and has pledged that there can be no change of sovereignty against the freely and democratically expressed wishes of the Gibraltarians. To close the dockyard now would be an inauspicious political and economic act which would be open to misinterpretation on both sides of the Spanish/Gibraltar frontier. It would intensify feelings of insecurity in Gibraltar, and give unwitting encouragement to those sections of Spanish opinion which believe that they only have to sit and wait for Gibraltar's economy and Britain's negotiating position both to deteriorate. It should be reconsidered urgently today by the Foreign Secretary.

Gunmen's shadow in N. Ireland

From Mr David Morrison

Sir, In his article, "Ulster: can the ballot beat the bullet?" (June 21), Richard Ford expresses alarm at the prospect of Sinn Féin "tearing into the tired body of the Social Democratic and Labour Party". But what is there to be alarmed at? The IRA has always been the hard cutting edge of nationalism's drive to separate Northern Ireland from Great Britain and incorporate it into an all-Ireland state. Up to now it has stood aside from electoral politics and the mantle of spokesmen for nationalism in the North has fallen to the leaders of the SDLP. Now, however, the IRA has decided to involve itself in electoral politics as Sinn Féin (as Merlyn Rees encouraged it to do by legalizing Sinn Féin in 1976) and as a result the SDLP are coming under pressure.

But even when the SDLP was unchallenged for the political leadership of nationalism in the North, it was the shadow of the IRA's substance. It was not the votes cast for it (which never reached 25 per cent of the total), nor the political wisdom of its less than ideal strategy of the SDLP to be taken so seriously in London, Brussels and Washington. It was the military activity of the IRA. The SDLP's significance was derived almost exclusively from the belief that if political concessions were not made to it the IRA would prosper and would therefore be in a position to intensify the war. There is a fundamental difficulty with this strategy - namely, since the IRA and the SDLP share the same political objective, it isn't obvious how political concessions can be made to the SDLP without at the same time making them to the IRA - and thereby encouraging the IRA to continue its military activity in the expectation of further concessions. Nevertheless, this has been to a greater or lesser extent the strategy of every British Government in the past 10 years, the only brake on its application being the opposition of Unionists.

The fundamental features of Northern Ireland politics will not be changed by the rise of Sinn Féin, even if that rise is at the expense of the SDLP. Likewise, the contest between the various brands of Unionism is of marginal importance. So long as politics here is confined within a provincial strait-jacket by the refusal of the national parties to organize and contest elections here, the pattern of politics will remain essentially unchanged and general elections will remain sterile intra-national and intra-Unionist contests which will change nothing, neither the border in Ireland nor the Government of the United Kingdom.

Once more for us in Northern Ireland the contest for the latter has been merely a spectator sport. We watched it being fought out on our television screens and read about it in our newspapers. As usual the national parties appealed for our votes in party election broadcasts on radio and television. But it was all for nothing - since none of them put up candidates here.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID MORRISON,
98 Lansdowne Road,
Belfast,
June 24.

A switch in time

From Mrs Mabel E. Byrt

Sir, There are, as is rightly supposed (leading article, June 23), five buttons on most television sets in this country, the first of which is to turn the machine off.

We do not, however, pay to turn the machine off but to see something with our children and grandchildren of which we are not ashamed.

At this point one might be tempted to the switching off button during early evening hours to betray them. Yours sincerely,
MABEL E. BYRT,
Hilliards Barn,
Amlie Lane,
Cranleigh,
Surrey,
June 23.

Nothing like one

From Mr Robert Dunbar

Sir, Ned Sherrin's witty suggestion (June 20) about a "Dolly for Dame", although correct as a point of literary criticism, is otherwise unhelpful. Women, when knighted, should simply be called, for instance, not Dame but Lady Anna Neagle, which would put them on a level with the daughters of dukes, who would be far too high-minded to resent such a major leap forward in sex equality.

For a further incentive to female acceptance of the accolade, husbands could assume the honorary title of Sir: as many gentlemen allege that they only accepted their knighthoods so that their wives could be Ladies the same motivation might well work in reverse.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT DUNBAR,
11 Bentinck Mansions,
Bentick Street, W1,
June 21.

On a clear day

From Mr Richard Adams

Sir, In the Isle of Man there is a well-known saying that from the ridge of North Barrule on a clear day you can see six kingdoms. These include England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Man itself.

At this point the informant waits for his victim to enquire what may be the sixth - to which the answer is, the kingdom of Heaven above his head. Yours faithfully,
RICHARD ADAMS,
Benwell's,
26 Church Street,
Hampshire,
June 21.

Local poodles for Downing St cut?

From the Chairman of the Buckinghamshire County Council

Sir, Your leading article, "Minister for rates" (June 25), was excellent, but overlooked a root cause of conflict between local and central government.

While successive administrations have sought to contain local spending, a decade of legislation has, in fact, added steadily to the duties of local councils. This same parliamentary activity has raised expectations amongst the public and increased the workload on local authorities.

Just to tinker yet again with local government statute will make confusion worse confounded. A quarrel with Westminster will continue so long as Parliament puts councillors in the preposterous position of having to meet increasing demands without either allowing adequately the means to meet them or allocating unequivocally the accountability for what they choose to do or not to do.

Acceptance or delegation of accountability will be the key to successful legislation. The activities of the "black sheep" authorities have sucked Whitehall into the vortex of assessing local needs. Consequently, ministers have been locked in conflict with many of their otherwise most stalwart and knowledgeable supporters who sincerely believe that there must be local freedom of choice. No one now knows where accountability really lies, least of all the electorate.

Councillors live closely with the effects of their decisions, among neighbours and industry who foot the bills. We would welcome clarification of accountability and the testing of it through the ballot box.

The Government should consider carefully and objectively how best to make this possible. It would be popular with the electorate and sensible democracy.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER PARKER-JERVIS,
Chairman,
Buckinghamshire County Council,
Chairman's Room,
Judea Lodge,
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire,
June 27.

From Sir Jack Longland

Sir, As a surviving member of the last royal commission to undertake a comprehensive review of English

Boosting manufacture

From the President of The Fellowship of Engineering

Sir, Presumably the word "not" was in error omitted from the last sentence of your leading article, "No need to raise the drawbridge" (on Monday June 27). Whilst I fully agree that protection is the wrong policy, that does not mean that we should complacently accept a growing excess of manufactured imports over exports just because it is covered by a large surplus on oil and invisibles for the former will not last for ever and the latter is declining.

In any case manufacturing is an important source both of employment and of real wealth creation and we shall allow it to decline at our peril. The way to sustain it is not protectionism but to improve our competitiveness in every way possible.

Much has already been achieved through lower inflation, moderation in pay increases, and higher productivity, but much more needs

Pusey House

From the Principal of Pusey House, Oxford

Sir, What a curious place your correspondent Philip Howard (June 24) makes Pusey House to have been: "murmurous with learning and bitty academic gossip" and "with a reputation for pretty heavy evangelical activities".

The first of these sallies may be congruous with PHS's recent description of us in your columns (February 4) as "home of High Anglicanism", but hardly the second. Pusey House is certainly not as our growing daily and Sunday congregations eloquently testify - but I cannot imagine we have ever been thought in the normally accepted ("heavy") sense evangelical.

But however we may be described, we maintain a vigorous and independent existence, even after what you rightly recount as a "considerable property coup" whereby St Cross College acquired a lease on part of our buildings and our priests also became Fellows of

Feeding Roman troops

From Mr Graham Webster

Sir, The questions raised by Sir Andrew Gilchrist in his letter of June 20 about the provisioning of the Roman army in Britain are interesting but difficult to answer in detail.

In the invasion of AD 43 the army was obliged to import grain from Gaul and built a large store base with granaries at Richborough, in Kent, for this purpose. British agriculture was based on self-sufficiency which did not allow for trading surpluses.

But the introduction by Rome of a capitalist economy led to large-scale land exploitation, especially in the territories of the hostile tribes. Their lands were seized and became imperial estates or were sold or leased to entrepreneur companies and landowners. Nevertheless, the Britons had by law to produce grain for the army of occupation and this led to many abuses (see Tacitus, *Agriicola* 19).

By the time the Antonine Wall was built the land development and large-scale drainage, such as the

local government, I welcome your wise and temperate leader, "Minister for rates" (June 25).

Local authorities, in one shape or another, pre-date the establishment of central government. They exist and carry out their essential functions, under statute, in their own right, and not to satisfy the changing whims of Downing Street.

As successive inquiries have established, the property tax we call the rates is in essence a fair and non-regressive means of raising much of the money needed to finance local services, particularly if the taxing of commercial and industrial property were to be undertaken by central government. In return for local government being empowered to supplement the money thus lost by levying a local income tax.

What is insupportable in a civilized democracy is that Government should vent its anger over local authority spending in general, and Mr Ken Livingstone in particular, by drastically raising the rates by which local needs are substantially met by locally raised funds.

If the Government's present proposals become law two things at least are certain. One is that services which transcend the smaller local government boundaries in the communities (planning, police, roads, etc) will be worse administered and, on the record, neglected by an already over-extended central government machine.

The second point is that the traditional involvement of local dwellers in what can be fitly looked after only by local knowledge and concern will be significantly diminished. It is not a sensible cure, if cure is needed, to take power from all local authorities, good and bad.

The lesson from the past few years of stop-gap policies is the old one: that the power of central government has increased, is increasing and ought to be diminished.

I find it extraordinary that Conservatives, who have been the backbone and bulwark of local government, in most of the English counties at least, should now be proposing to curtail its historical independence and be content with its becoming Downing Street's capriciously clipped poodle.

Yours faithfully,
JACK LONGLAND,
Bridgeway,
Bakewell,
Derbyshire,
June 25.

to be done if we are to regain our position in the world trading league.

Industry must invest more in modern manufacturing systems and equipment and more people need to be trained in their use and maintenance. The burden of tax, both local and national, and of high interest rates on industry must be reduced; and if the Chancellor has any money to spare the priority should be to lower industry's costs and not to relieve personal taxation (except to remove the poverty trap) as the Institute of Directors advocates.

With inflation under control and the prospect of five years of stable free-enterprise government there are great opportunities ahead. But the tide of technological change is running fast, and if Britain is to prosper our industry needs all possible support to regain our competitiveness.

Yours faithfully,
CALDECOTE, President,
The Fellowship of Engineering,
91 Waterloo Road, SE1,
June 27.

that fledgling institution. The clergy occupy not merely their offices (actually, in Oxford we think of them as studies: "Offices" are what we say) but also the very fine chapel, and the library, where we keep our own considerable collection and also the smaller holdings of the theology faculty.

We occupy, in fact, well over half the building (which is still known as the Pusey House, and next year we will celebrate our first (and we hope by no means our last) centenary here. We, too, will then be launching our own appeal, confident that our many friends throughout the world will help us meet the financial commitments consequent on our central and growing place in the life of Oxford, the English Church, and the Anglican Communion at large, and also on our wish for a helpful and (who knows) eventually equal relationship with our young and promising tenants.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP URSELL,
Principal,
Pusey House,
Oxford,
June 24.

Fens, would have assured the troops of an adequate annual supply. The periods of occupation of Caedonia and the backward and hostile state of many tribes would have prevented the same land development.

Even so, there is evidence of arable farming behind the Antonine Wall and its forts, as elsewhere, had large granaries (see Hanson and Maxwell, *Rome's North-west Frontier*, 1983, pp177-179). It seems unlikely that any storage pits would have been needed.

Behind Hadrian's Wall there is growing evidence of a steady population growth as troops settled there after discharge and became landowners and merchants. Roman imperial policy, especially under Hadrian, was to bring prosperity and Romanization into the frontier zones and it seems to have been highly successful.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WEBSTER,
The Old School House,
Cherterton,
Harbury,
Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire,
June 20.

Safety first in coach travel

From Councillor Austin Underwood

Sir, Last week saw another coach disaster in which people were dragged along the road at some unidentifiable speed as if they had been in a paper bag and, as a result, were terribly injured or killed.

We are told that regulations governing the operation of such coaches are soon to come into force. But what of the design of the coaches themselves? Why is it permitted for human beings to be driven at speed in containers that afford little protection once the sides of glass and flimsy metal are torn away?

A single tractor driver is protected by a safety roller bar if the vehicle turns over. Should not the design of public-service vehicles require a substantial framework to protect those inside in similar circumstances?

Yours sincerely,
AUSTIN UNDERWOOD,
4 Earls Court Road,
Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire,
June 27.

From Mr Patrick Ellerton

Sir, Mr Cranfield's suggestions (June 17) seem admirable and practicable.

There is, however, one other requirement which, I believe, is equally important and that is that all passenger seats should face the rear. Incidentally, this argument applies equally to passenger seats in aeroplanes.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK ELLERTON,
121 Clarendon Drive, SW15,
June 28.

Sex offence sentences

From Councillor Mrs Rachel Dickson

Sir, I write to commend the moral courage of Judge David Price in sentencing the sex offender David Bosley to probation with a requirement for treatment (report, June 22).

As a member of the local review committee at Wandsworth prison I believe that imprisonment for sex offences is often a response to public anger rather than consideration for the long-term benefit to the community.

The lack of adequate - or compulsory - facilities for treatment in prison and the necessity to segregate sex offenders to protect them from victimization from other prisoners contribute to the likelihood that on release the offender will be more socially isolated, more disturbed and therefore more dangerous.

Custodial control reduces rather than reinforces the self-control that alone can deter these deviants from re-offending. A period on probation with supervised medical treatment is the only chance of achieving this self-control and so permanently safeguarding the community.

Yours etc,
RACHEL DICKSON,
Downe House,
116 Richmond Hill,
Richmond upon Thames,
Surrey,
June 22.

Tax on good will

From Mr J. P. Matthews

Sir, The headmaster of Lliswerry High School (June 22) is surprised that the Revenue are treating the 11p a mile travel allowances paid to his fellow teachers for attending voluntary evening school functions, etc as taxable. I am also a little surprised in view of the decision given against the Revenue last year on apparently similar facts in the case of *Donnelly v Williamson*.

The headmaster may take some comfort from the following observation of the judge:

"... the wholly uncomfortable feeling is, with the public at large that the Crown spends so much time and effort persecuting minnows that it is small wonder it has no energy left to pursue the real sharks..."

The headmaster may also be interested to learn that, in my experience, the Revenue have likewise taxed similar travel allowances paid to standby radiographers on night duty at home attending emergency hospital calls. So if they had, say, five such calls, they would be taxed on the allowance in each case. What price an errand of mercy?

Is it not time that our tax system in this area was brought more in tune with the needs of the eighties - incidentally, the expense of "keeping and maintaining a horse" for business purposes remains a specifically allowable deduction.

Yours faithfully,
JANEK MATTHEWS,
11 New Square,
Lincoln's Inn, WC2,
June 23.

A taste of honey

From Mr David Green

Sir, Dr Riches (June 23) may well be right that oil seed rape betokens a theoretical 8,725 tonnes of honey newly available.

I share Mrs Herbert's experience (June 17) that, in practice, gorse, possibly apart, it is the fastest crystallizing honey that can be won in this country - and sets like a white brick that is virtually tasteless.

If British beekeepers move fast enough to extract and bottle the stuff, it is likely that their only achievement will be to erect an 8,000-tonne honey mountain to join those of butter and cheese on the shores of the wine and olive oil lakes.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
Rhyd-y-Harding,
Castle Morris,
Nr Haverfordwest,
Dyfed,
June 23.

Keeping cool at the Fed

"Crisis, what crisis" was roughly the message delivered by the re-appointed Mr Paul Volcker yesterday.

The crisis people had in mind was a general upset in world stock and currency markets as dealers prepared for the Federal Reserve Board to clamp down on the hectic growth of US money supply and equally hectic second quarter growth in its economy. Mr Volcker told reporters that he was actually rather keen on expansion.

This seems to clarify the rather confused situation since the weekend, when an unexpected fall in weekly M1, the hitherto errant American money supply measure, was quickly followed by speculation of an imminent rise in American interest rates.

Mr Volcker's remarks can be read two ways. He may simply mean that the Fed is satisfied with its modest measures in the Spring and sees no immediate cause for further action. That in itself is reassuring. The influential Dr Henry Kaufman and many other analysts, have been forecasting a new upturn in rates.

Some of the latest forecasts are simply a response to Mr Volcker's reappointment.

But it should not be forgotten that some US interest are indeed rising of their own accord and in response that earlier mild tightening. Three-month commercial debt rates have jumped almost a point in short order.

There is a more encouraging reading of Mr Volcker's cheerful message that has so far eluded market thinking. Expansion of production can indeed be good for inflation and interest rates. The authorities on both sides of the Atlantic are so keen to enjoy the fruits that they will do nothing to set recovery back.

The new team at our own Treasury and Bank of England seems distinctly keener to force the pace on cutting interest rates (despite the building societies' failure to cooperate).

Mr Volcker may be just as keen to keep up the spirit of Williamsburg. We shall see.

New call for BA and BCal to be excluded from inquiry

British and American officials hold secret talks on Laker case

From Bailey Morris, Washington



Laker: alleged conspiracy to drive him out of business

A team of high-level British officials arrived in Washington on Monday for secret talks with the Reagan Administration after the British Government's order directing British Airways and British Caledonian Airways not to comply with US Justice Department subpoenas for information in the Laker case.

Officials from both the Department of Trade and Industry and the Department of Transport were involved in the closely-guarded talks with US Justice officials and others in the Administration. Neither side was prepared to comment on the talks or whether progress was made in a second session yesterday.

A British Embassy official, while confirming that the delegation had arrived, would not name the British officials involved in the talks on the increasingly hostile dispute between the two governments over the Laker case.

Despite repeated requests from Britain to limit the scope of its probe, the Justice Department is pressing ahead with a non-public criminal investigation into charges that eight airlines, including British Airways and British Caledonian, conspired to drive Laker Airways, headed by Sir Freddie Laker, out of business.

The talks were thought to center on a renewed request that the Justice Department drop the two British airlines from the investigation. Negotiators were also expected to explore what legal actions, if any, the US Justice might take in response to the British Government's order to the two airlines.

Administration officials said that they expected little response from the Justice Department since the British order applied to US located documents only and the two airlines

had already complied with an earlier subpoena for US based documents relating to the inquiry.

The two governments are locked in a jurisdictional dispute over whose law should prevail in one of the most celebrated antitrust cases in recent years.

The British Government's order last Friday was designed

to impress upon Americans that: "We do not accept the extraterritorial application of American antitrust laws" an Embassy official said.

British officials decided to issue the order because the Reagan Administration has so far declined to assure the Government that the British carriers will be dropped from the inquiry which could result in damages of millions of dollars and jail sentences if the defendants are found guilty.

British officials have learned that neither British Airlines has been identified as a "target", which in American antitrust parlance means there is sufficient evidence to suggest that they were responsible for the alleged conspiracy.

The Government issued the order limiting the scope of the inquiry both to prevent the investigation from expanding and to make clear its determination to resist such efforts in British territory, according to officials.

More EEC steel cuts demanded

By Our Industrial Correspondent

Britain will face new demands from the European Commission today for further big cuts in steelmaking capacity which, if obeyed, could lead to additional job losses in the already severely slimmed British Steel Corporation.

The Commission is due to decide on further steel cuts throughout the Community under the five-year steel crisis plan begun in 1980. They will be calculated according to the amount of public money pumped into the ailing industries by member states.

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Trade and Industry Secretary, has told his EEC counterparts that he will not agree to any more reductions in Britain's basic steelmaking capacity. Britain had done its fair share of steel industry restructuring and was now looking to its EEC partners to follow suit.

The crisis plan, with a central aim of restoring stability to the disordered European industry, involves a complicated mixture of mandatory and voluntary production and sales quotas on finished steel, a system of reporting price levels and widespread capacity reductions, all expected to finish at the end of 1985 when member states will also have to have phased out all forms of public aid.

Today's announcement of new cutbacks comes after last week's Luxembourg ministerial meeting called to extend production quotas because, in the Commission's view, capacity cuts have been insufficient. Ministers agreed to a one month's extension, when the talks will be resumed.

This will be after the dust has settled following the Italian general election, where the Communists won considerable support and are likely to oppose steel mill closures.

The Commission's target is to cut 30-35 million tonnes from total European steel capacity in 1980 of 212 million tonnes but so far the total closed, plus a wide range of promised cuts, amounts to about 18 million tonnes.

Fraud charges against Mr George Jackson, chairman of Jolyke Holdings, have been dropped, counsel for the Inland Revenue said, because Mr Jackson was too ill to stand trial.

The settlement consisted of £2.89m in unpaid tax, £2m interest and £2m penalties. Counsel for Mr Mervyn Clifford Jones, the financial director of Jolyke Holdings, told the court in London that charges against his client had been dropped because he had agreed to assist the Inland Revenue with their inquiries.

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Losers were nearly two-to-one over advances and trading was relatively light. Procter & Gamble at 53½ was up ¼; Mead Corporation at 32 was up ¼; Firestone at 20½ was unchanged; General Motors at 73½ was up ¼; Maryland Cap at 48½ was up ¼; FT. Howard Paper at 53½ was down ¼; Texas Instruments at 120½ was down ¼; Tracor at 26½ was down ¼; Merck at 91½ was up ¼; Monsanto at 90½ was up ¼; and American Telephone & Telegraph at 62½ was up ¼.

Abbott Laboratories fell ¼ to 47½; American Cyanamid fell ¼ to 47½; General Electric was unchanged at 53½; Teledyne fell ¼ to 170½; Gerber Scientific fell

1½ to 170½.

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Two more banks raise mortgages

Lloyds Bank and the Bank of Scotland have joined Barclays, NatWest and the TSB in raising their home loan rates.

Lloyds' rate goes up from 10.2 per cent to 11 per cent and the Bank of Scotland's from 10.5 per cent to 11.25 per cent with effect from Friday.

● HUNT WIND - UPS: Three more companies in the financial empire of missing investment adviser, Mr Keith Hunt, were compulsorily wound up yesterday. They were Exchange Securities International, Financial Services, and Exchange Securities Investment Management.

● DOME CHAIRMAN: Mr John Howard MacDonald, 55, group treasurer with the Royal Dutch Shell Group in London is to become chairman and chief executive officer of Dome Petroleum.

● PERGAMON INCREASE: Pergamon Press, the company at the centre of Mr Robert Maxwell's fast-growing business empire, increased its pretax profits from £9.3m to £12.4m last year.

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Vauxhall may hire 1,000 as sales rise

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Vauxhall Motors, Britain's most successful car company in recent years, said yesterday it might hire another 1,000 workers by the end of this year if sales of its Cavalier model continued to be buoyant.

The company, the British subsidiary of General Motors of the United States, said they could be needed in addition to 200 recently recruited. Men from the depressed Bedford truck division have also been switched to the car plant at Luton recently to enable a double shift to be worked from August.

A spokesman said Vauxhall had orders for more than 80,000 cars, half of them Cavaliers. "If the sales keep going as they are, by the end of the year it could mean another 1,000 workers needed from outside", he said.

Mr John Bagshaw, the manufacturing and marketing director, forecast that Vauxhall would sell 132,500 cars in the first six months of this year, be profitable by the end of the year and achieve a 16 per cent profit over the British market early next year.

Further expression of optimism came from Lucas Aerospace which said that up to 2,500 jobs could be created in the West Midlands, Burnley and Bradford, if the Government decided to buy an American anti-radar missile system rather than British-designed equipment.

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Guaranteed Floating Rate Notes Due 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Trust Deed dated August 21, 1979, under which the above described Notes were issued, Trade Development Financial Services N.V. has elected to redeem on the Interest Payment Date falling on August 24, 1983 all outstanding Notes at their principal amount.

The said Notes are to be redeemed at the Corporate Trust Office of the Principal Paying Agent, 111 Wall Street, 5th Floor, Receive and Deliver Department, in the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, State of New York or at the main offices of Citibank, N.A. in London, Brussels, Paris, Frankfurt am Main, Zurich or the main office of Citibank (Luxembourg) S.A. in Luxembourg. On said date the Notes will become due and payable at the said amount. On and after said date, interest on the Notes will cease to accrue and all unmatured coupons relating thereto will become void.

The said Notes should be presented and surrendered at the offices set forth in the preceding paragraph on said date with all interest coupons appertaining thereto maturing after said date.

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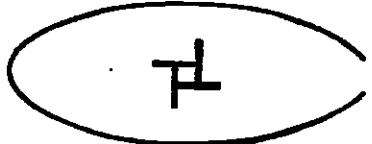
Dated: June 29, 1983

NatWest Mortgage Rate

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National Westminster Home Loans Limited
41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.

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(Incorporated with limited liability in the State of Texas in the United States of America)

Share Capital at 29th June 1983.

Authorised

120,000,000

Shares of Common Stock without par value ("Shares")

Issued

107,627,051

On 25th May 1983, conditional approval was given by the Council of The Stock Exchange in London for the Shares to be admitted to the Official List. All the conditions have now been satisfied, and dealings in the Shares start today, 29th June 1983. Updated particulars of the Company are available in the Extel Statistical Services, and copies may be obtained during normal business hours on any weekday (Saturdays and public holidays excepted) up to and including 13th July 1983 from:-

Kleinwort, Benson Limited
20 Fenchurch Street
London EC3P 3DB

29th June 1983

Henderson Crosthwaite & Co.
194/200 Bishopsgate
London EC2M 4LL

Redemption Notice

PEUGEOT S.A.
£22,500,000 14% Bonds due 1 August 1990

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the Trust Deed, between Peugeot and the Law Debenture Corporation, Limited dated August 8, 1980 under which the above described Bonds were issued, that Citibank, N.A. as Principal Paying Agent, has elected to redeem on August 1, 1983 through the operation of the Sinking Fund, £21,000,000 principal amount of said Bonds at the Sinking Fund redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. The serial numbers of the Bonds selected for redemption are as follows:

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APPOINTMENTS

Abell will be chairman at Orion Royal

Mr John Abell has been elected chairman of Orion Royal Bank, the British-based merchant banking subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada. Mr R. Geoffrey Styles, senior executive vice-president of the Royal Bank's international and corporate banking division in Toronto, has been appointed chairman of the executive committee of the bank.

Mr Abell, who has been deputy chairman and chief executive of Orion Royal since last October, succeeds Mr J. K. Finlayson as chairman of Orion Royal. Mr Finlayson retired as president of the Royal Bank in May of this year.

Mr Antonio Cravero, formerly executive vice-president of Orion Royal, has been appointed deputy chairman and chief operating officer. Other appointments at Orion Royal include three new managing directors: Mr J. M. Bunting, as group chief financial officer, with responsibility also for personnel, operations and administration; Mr R. A. Chamberlain, in charge of loan syndication and credit; and Mr J. P. Cook in charge of bond syndication, placement and trading.

Mr Clive Bridges has been appointed company secretary of Carports International. He succeeds Mr Norman Grimshaw, who retires after 16 years in that post.

Mr Richard Hunt of R. B. Hunt & Partners has been appointed vice-chairman of The Baltic Exchange. Mr R. A. Noakes, previously an assistant general manager, has been appointed controller of correspondent banking at Midland Bank International. He succeeds Mr P. J. W. Taplin, who has been made controller of policy and planning group. Mr C. D. H. Bryant has been appointed regional manager (Europe). This appointment follows a reorganization of the bank's European structure, involving the integration of its four London-based regional management teams into one unit.

Mr A. J. Jewell has been appointed senior executive, correspondent banking, Northern Europe. He was previously general manager's assistant to Mr Hervé de Carmoy, Mr N. C. Johnson becomes senior executive, correspondent banking, Southern Europe.

Michael Prest looks at the likely impact of rising prices on raw materials

Growth with dearer commodities

Real commodity prices fell last year to their lowest levels for a generation. Primary producers, facing the full onslaught of the debt crisis, despaired, but there was superficial satisfaction among commodity importers.

Now, with prices having risen by 10 to 20 per cent in the last six months on hopes of economic revival, the roles have been reversed. Some commodity importers now fear that price increases could smother the incipient recovery.

The likelihood, however, is that prices will not rise quickly enough to assist recovery. The available evidence - in the nature of commodity research somewhat hypothetical - suggests that the commodity exporters' incomes will not rise sufficiently to allow them to stop imports from the industrialized world.

The consequent depressing effect on international trade and output is likely to persist into the late 1980s. The debt crisis may be prolonged and the already highly strung financial markets made more volatile.

International relations could be strained by further pressure for commodity agreements and for the New International Economic Order. The "confrontational" character of North-South meetings might deteriorate rather than improve.

If such a chain of events seems far-fetched, the reply is that many of the links are already forged. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development has calculated that commodity prices other than fuels fell by 16 per cent in 1981 and slumped by almost 20 per cent last year.

Even if the appreciation of the dollar is taken into account, the fall over the two years, restated in Special Drawing Rights, the International Monetary Fund's composite currency, approached 20 per cent. The chart shows how prices have fallen over a long period.

Unfortunately, for commodity exporters, the impact on earnings was all the greater because export volumes also fell. Unctad estimates that the

volume of commodity exports was more or less unchanged between 1979 and 1981, but declined sharply last year.

Taken together, the price and volume falls cost primary exporters \$21,000 million during 1980-82. As if that were not enough, the terms of trade also deteriorated, so that each unit exported last year could buy only about half the imports it could in 1978.

The worst sufferers were the 64 countries who rely on primary exports for more than 50 per cent of their foreign exchange earnings. But primary commodities contribute, on average, 42 per cent of the export earnings of all non-oil developing countries. Raw material exports are therefore the crucial component in the trade of a large group, whose share of world trade - and so contribution to economic activity - has steadily grown.

According to the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, developing country exports expanded as a proportion of world exports from 12 per cent in 1973 to 13.5 per cent in 1981. More significantly, their imports rose from 14.5 per cent of all imports to 18 per cent in the same period.

While some of the extra share of imports is explained by more trade between developing countries themselves, it also points

to their value to industrial country exporters. Against this loss of export markets in the Third World, the possible inflationary impact of higher commodity prices on industrial economies is negligible.

The table outlines what might happen to commodity prices at different rates of growth in the world economy. The Organization for Economic

Cooperation and Development has calculated that even if commodity prices were to grow by 5 per cent a year more than industrial countries in the next year, the addition to OECD inflation would be only about 0.5 per cent a year. A much faster increase of 9 per cent might add one percentage point on price rises.

If the International Monetary Fund is to be believed, the recovery is weak for the moment at least. But even rapid recovery would not cause a marked acceleration in inflation because of the changing relationship between output and commodity prices.

As a result, the rise in commodity prices is likely to be retarded. It is important to distinguish between industrial raw materials such as metals and minerals and agricultural goods.

The chief determinant of metal prices is the level of industrial production, a gradually falling proportion of output as a whole. In Britain industrial production is 40 per cent of gdp and its share is falling.

The structure of output has shifted. The absolute declines in manufacturing output have been roughly offset by a rise in services. Manufacturing output in Britain only stopped falling at the end of last year. It can be seen from the table that low growth or concentration causes a disproportionate fall in commodity prices.

Moreover, there have been crucial changes within industry itself. Put simply, metal-using industries need less material

than they did for the same product not long ago. The wafer-thin coating of tin on tinplate for cans is a prime example. Car makers strive for increased fuel efficiency by using plastics and other materials to reduce weight. Plastics and exotic substances such as carbon fibres are also the staple of high-technology industries whose share of industrial production increases daily.

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of use of metals has been declining over many years. After rising in the boom years of the 1950s, the amount of copper used per unit of American industrial production fell by 1.9 per cent a year in the 1980s. The pattern is broadly the same for all base metals in every mature industrial economy.

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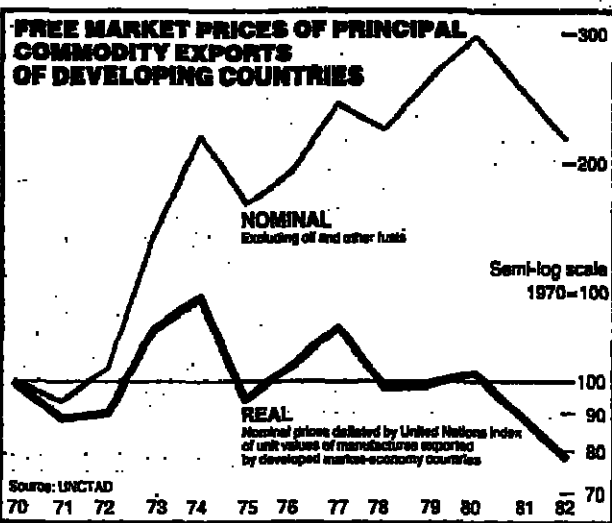
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Economic notes

The age of tough management

Each decade seems to stamp its own character on most of the managers who are reaching the top and will determine the attitudes of whole sections of business for the next 10 years.

The fuddy-duddy image of 1950s bankers gave way to a new expansion-minded generation in the decade from the mid-1960s, culminated by bank mergers and new freedoms to compete. They wanted to lead as much as they could and gave borrowers the benefit, in some cases, of an awful lot of doubt.

The trauma of the banking crises of the mid-1970s changed all that. When British industry got into trouble in the recession, it faced across the desk a corps of bank managers who had gone through the fire and had learned to be cautious and sceptical.

But what will the managers who run British industry in the 1980s be like? The growth-minded 1950s and 1960s brought as a band of ambitious expansionists, concerned more with revenue, size and grandiose plans than costs and profit ratios.

The 1970s brought us financially minded wizards, the spiders at the heart of conglomerate webs, who wanted to be like Lord Weinstock but more often turned out like Mr Jim Slater.

Mr Ian MacGregor is, without a doubt, the model for the 1980s. The retiring head of one British multi-national noted the change a year or so ago. He could no longer relate, he said sadly, to managers who measured their success by the number of people they had fired.

That is a sour comment on men who have, after all, merely grinded their teeth to do what was necessary for survival.

But this has surely been the formative experience for those who will be running many of Britain's companies during Mrs Thatcher's decade.

A new survey of 400 chief executives by the executive search consultants, Heidrick and Struggles, gives a sober portrait of the top manager of 1983.

Like Mr MacGregor, he is a workaholic, nothing up an average of 52 hours a week by his own account. And his

attitudes are highly realistic. His prime objective is to raise productivity so as to cut unit production costs and he sees application of the new technologies as a vital tool in achieving this.

The latest CBI quarterly trends survey shows just how these attitudes are already dominating investment decisions. Three quarters of new investment is aimed at increasing efficiency (even more in big companies) and most is to replace existing processes rather than expand output.

On the marketing side, the consultants found that the 1983 chief executive is mainly concerned with earning his company a bigger slice of existing shrinking markets, and far less with exploring new markets, let alone launching into new lines of business. Likewise, when it comes to new products, today's manager is more concerned with developing a better mousetrap than tomorrow's video-recorder.

Not surprisingly, the majority of such managers are not committee-minded democrats.

Surveys and averages do not pick up the brilliant individuals who often make the strongest impact. But this picture of the tough hard-working boss of the 1980s will ring true to most people's experience.

It is possible to paint a picture of big companies concentrating on efficiency and profitability while dynamic new ventures, starting small firms in the industries of tomorrow, provide the thrust.

That is the silicon valley principle now seen in the United States. But it is less likely to happen in Europe, let alone Britain, with its long traditions of working for other people. The pattern of Japan, where big companies are still the engine of development, seems more applicable here.

Whether it be big business managers or new ventures, without that leaven of gamblers, mavericks, egomaniacs and visionaries to build new factories, launch new products and create new jobs, we shall not take advantage of our new efficient Britain.

Graham Searjeant

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Laird catches the bus deal

ACCOUNTDAYS: Dealings began, June 20. Dealings end, July 1. Contango Day, July 4. Settlement Day, July 11.

The Laird Group has won the major slice of a multi-million pound contract to supply London with a new fleet of double-decker buses.

The Greater London Council plans to spend £50m over the next two years on 725 buses to replace its fleet of vehicles.

Metro-Cammell Weymann, a subsidiary of Laird, has been asked to supply 485 of its Metrobuses, worth an estimated £35m, after fighting off stiff competition from BL the GLC's traditional supplier of double-decker buses.

BL has been awarded a contract to build 240 of its T-100s to make up the rest of the fleet.

Reports that Laird won the contract against the odds came as a welcome surprise to the stock market, where the share price recovered an early fall to close unchanged at 102p.

A spokesman for Metro-Cammell said: "It's tremendous news for the company. The contract covers two years and takes us well into 1986."

Shares of BL ended the day 3p lower at 32p.

Meanwhile, the uncertainty over the next move in American interest rates sent the world's stock markets into a

nose dive. In Tokyo, the Nikkei Dow-Jones Index lost 61.80 to 8,838.24, while in Hong Kong the Hang Seng Index tumbled 13.01 to 943.63 as investors feared a new rise. The situation in London was little better as nervous sellers gained the upper hand.

Samuel Properties has bought in 300,000 of its own shares at 120p for cancellation to enhance the asset value per share. A shuffle among its big shareholders is also on the cards. The price was down 2p at 118p yesterday.

This was in spite of the reassuring remarks from Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Fed, who remained sceptical of a rise in American rates. The FT Index closed 6.1 down at 719.6, having been 8.4 lower. Gilt recovered some of their initial falls, but by the close were still showing losses of around 2½ in the long as the pound continued to

slide on the foreign exchange, where it closed 0.7 pence down at \$1.5320. Building shares tumbled in the wake of a television programme, highly critical of timber-built houses. Leading the way down was Sir Lawrence Barrett's Barrett Developments, which fell 24p to 216p, after 208p, wiping almost £50m from the group's value. Others hard hit included Magnet & Southern 4p to 184p, Meyer International 6p to 160p and John Carr Doncaster 8p to 182p.

Racal Electronics has placed its remaining 9.6 per cent stake in engineering group Advest at close to a high for the shares. Racal, which once owned nearly 20 per cent of Advest, has been reducing its stake since it acquired Decca. The sale of its remaining shares raised about £4.3m. Advest shares fell 2p to 220p.

Liang Lin, the Singapore-based trading group, has stepped up its interest in Jenks

& Cattell, the Midlands-based garden tool group. It now owns 3.4 million shares standing at a year's high of 37p. Mr Ronald Aitken, chairman of J & C, was quick to deny the possibility of a full bid. "It's just a tidying-up

The private placing of 6.5m shares at 17p in Computer Holdings, the Lynx microcomputer group, has proved an immense success. Last night the group reported a gross profit of £23,000 - its first since 1975. News of the cash left the shares unchanged at 34p.

Sovereign Oil & Gas lost a further 10p to 229p in response to yesterday's report on this page of fears that production has been delayed on block 16/7 in the Brae Field, in which the group has a 4 per cent stake.

The operator, Marathon, says it had indicated production would not start until the summer

RECENT ISSUES

Company	Price	Yield
Adam Leisure 10p Ord (1984)	72.1	11.3
Admiral (10p) Ord (1984)	113.2	11.3
Chemical Works 10p Ord (1984)	113.2	11.3
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Money Market Rates

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Dollar Spot Rates

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Euro-Spot Deposits

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Gold

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Sterling: Spot and Forward

Market rates (pence)	Market rates (pence)
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Wimbledon: Miss Wade's valedictory cliff-hanger

On the rack at the end of a remorseless inquisition

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Yvonne Vermaak beat Virginia Wade 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 in an hour and 32 minutes at Wimbledon yesterday, thus becoming the first unseeded player to reach the semi-final round of the women's singles since Judy Dalton in 1971. Miss Vermaak is also the first South African to advance to the women's semi-finals since Sandra Reynolds and Renee Schuurman both did so in 1961. Cliff Drysdale played in a men's semi-final in 1966.

The paradox is that Miss Vermaak, aged 26, is little more than 5ft 11in tall and is not the most obvious candidate for prominence in grass-court tennis. Born at Port Elizabeth, she is a farmer's daughter, and looks the part in that she is strongly built. In view of her height it would be unreasonable to expect her to specialize in the service, and in the forecourt game as Wimbledon experts tend to.

Miss Vermaak owes her success to her ball control, and the shrewd way in which she moves her opponent about. She has the knack of stringing shots together in an ultimately productive sequence. She employs not only solid ground-strokes, (the forehand is particularly accurate) but also drop shots on

both flanks and lobs and short angles. She thus has the equipment to use the length and width of the court, to ask her opponents a remorseless series of awkward questions.

That is what happened yesterday. On the one side was this little woman with a big racket, scurrying about the court and coaxing the ball this way and that. On the other was Miss Wade, aged 37, and rather wishing that she had been able to rest for a day after coming back from the brink of defeat to beat Eva Pfaff. Miss Wade did her best to husband her energies, and she seldom wasted the strength that used to be spent so prodigally in her youth. Even so, she had a forthright approach to the task of putting the ball away. Going to the net was risky, because Miss Vermaak had several ways of dealing with such assaults. But Miss Wade discreetly mixed the baseline and forecourt games and it always seemed possible that, as in three of her four previous matches, she might come from behind to win.

Miss Wade did in fact take the second set rather comfortably after conceding the first. Miss Vermaak briefly seemed to become even more of a racket-twiddler than she habitually is.

But in the third set Miss Vermaak went to 3-0, though two of those games went to deuce, and there was never a clear indication that Miss Wade would be able to make up lost ground. A particularly loose game that enabled Miss Vermaak to reach 5-2 made it clear that Miss Wade's exercises in cliff-hanging were over. She had been outmanoeuvred by a younger and livelier player, who was playing her ninth Wimbledon and therefore knew how to make the most of her resources on grass courts.

Miss Vermaak said later that she had not thought it possible to advance as far as this at Wimbledon. She had been lucky, she added, in that the more prominent seeds had been beaten before she had to play them. Miss Wade thought the result might have been different if she could have had a day off. "Yvonne makes you work so hard and I just did not have the energy to do it". Even so, this has been an astonishing Wimbledon for Miss Wade, who these days combines occasional tournament play with coaching and television commentaries.

Roscoe Tanner, aged 31, and playing in his 11th Wimbledon, was beaten 7-5, 7-6, 6-3 in an hour and 56 minutes by Ivan

Lendl. Like Miss Wade, Tanner may have been slightly handicapped by playing on consecutive days: a work-load for which he could see no reason. Tanner said that his reactions were a little slower, notably when receiving service or when getting to the net after his own. He was impressed, as everyone was, by Lendl's serving power. When Lendl is banging his first service into court and is also on the mark with his heavy ground strokes, he is a competitor of the highest class.

This is Lendl's fourth appearance at Wimbledon, and the first time he has advanced beyond the third round. At the age of 23, he is still looking for his first grand slam championship, though he has been runner-up for the French and United States titles.

It seems probable that in the semi-final round, Lendl will have to play John McEnroe, and it has long been evident that when Lendl is in form, he can overpower McEnroe. At present Lendl is certainly in form. The one slight proviso is that he twisted an ankle in the first set yesterday and although the injury did not inhibit him, there can be no certainty that it will still be 100 per cent when he goes on court.

British pair keep the flag flying and even the cads are smiling

By John Karter

While even the stiffest of upper lips were seen to be quivering as Virginia Wade crumbled on the centre court, news came filtering through of a last pocket of British resistance.

Out on court No. 2 Jo Durie and Anne Hobbs kept the Union Jack flying with the sort of up-and-down victory over Andrea Temesvari, of Hungary, and Catherine Tanvier, of France, that made a chap feel dashed proud.

Miss Wade, there were some around court two who actually admitted to divided loyalties (well, a pair of legs, head-banded blondes is enough to make even the most pukka fellow waver). Such thoughts were soon swept aside, though, as the British pair did easily with their rivals' whipped returns in the second set, and Miss Hobbs was rampant with a series of angled service returns and volleys from right on top of the net. Poor Miss Tanvier, whose service in the fourth game took a 3-1 lead.

Miss Temesvari, who was good enough to be seeded 14 in the singles in which she fell to Catherine Basset, then began to stretch those Betty Ortle legs around the court and produced some fine overheads and service returns to break back, and then took her next game for four-all. However, Miss Hobbs, whose own legs know a thing or two about star quality, having carried her to a win in the gruelling Superstars contest for all-round sporting excellence four years ago, took control of the match from this point. She held service with a couple of incisive volleys, and with the aid of a winning Durie lob and service return, wrapped up the set as Temesvari began to totter.

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After Miss Temesvari held for 3-5, two uncharacteristic overhead errors by Miss Durie brought the score back to 5-4. Nerves began to sag, and the last point about to surrender after all? Not a bit of it. It was the Franco-Hungarian attack that tamed the white flag with a Temesvari overhead error at the last. A Tanvier double fault. Even the cads were smiling.

Hopes that Buster Mottram and Andrew Jarrett could add another British victory after Jarrett had played superbly to give them the second set 6-1 and level the match. Saturday's Glorious of the United States, and Henrik Sundstrom, of Sweden, never came to fruition. The American and the Swede missed their game, and with the exception of very erratic, took the next two sets 6-3, 6-2.

Yesterday's Wimbledon results

MEN'S SINGLES

Holders: J S Connors (US)
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Lendl (CZ) vs R Tanner (US) 7-5, 7-6, 6-3

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Holders: M Navratilova (US)
Fifth round
M Navratilova (US) vs J A Mandel (SA) 6-4, 6-1

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L W King (US) vs K Jordan (US) 7-6, 6-4

MEN'S DOUBLES

Holders: P McNamee and P McNamee (Aus)
Third round
M Connors (US) and S Denton (US) vs J Fiala (Cze) and F D McMillan (US) 6-4, 6-1

P Fleming and J P McEnroe (US) vs M Marmont and R J Moore (SA) 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3

G Sarmiento (US) and H Sundstrom (Swe) vs A Mardet and C J Morrison (GB) 6-3, 6-4, 6-2

J S Alexander and J S FitzGerald (Aus) vs F Frawley and B Tischer (US) 6-4, 7-5, 7-6, 6-4

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Holders: M Navratilova and P H Shriver (US)
Third round
J M Durie and A E Hobbs (GB) vs C C Tanner (FRA) and A S Timsit (FRA) 6-4, 6-2

K Oakes-Kilch and S E Paff (US) vs E M Burgin and A Moulton (US) 6-4, 7-5, 7-6, 6-4

MIXED DOUBLES

Holders: K Curran (SA) and Miss A E Smith (US)
Second round
F S Stolle (Aus) and P H Shriver (US) vs M G Stolle (Aus) and P H Shriver (US) 6-4, 6-2

F Tayman and B K Jordan (US) vs L R Bourne (US) and L R Bourne (US) 6-4, 6-2

C S Dowling (GB) and C J Morrison (GB) vs J M Oter (GB) and S Randall (Aus) 7-6, 6-4, 6-2

C M Johnston and P J Whitcomb (Aus) vs D K Davidson (GB) and S J Moore (SA) 6-3, 6-2

The following results were received too late for inclusion in yesterday's early editions:

Men's doubles
A Jarry and H Sundstrom (Swe) vs R L Case and D R Davidson (US) 6-4, 6-2

T E Gullikson and T J Gullikson (US) vs A Mayer and F Tayman (US) 7-6, 6-4, 7-5, 7-6, 6-4

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Miss Barker dropped

See Barker has lost her place in the British women's international team for the first time in eight years.

Miss Barker, who is in poor form, was dropped from the side who will represent Britain in the Federation Cup in Zurich from July 18-24.

Effectively, Miss Barker is being replaced by Virginia Wade, who lost in the quarter-finals at Wimbledon yesterday. Miss Wade will also act as coach. The other members of the team are Jo Durie and Anne Hobbs.

At 14 she was expelled from Broughton High School for graffitiing the loo - "The headmistress can go to Hell" - and was only prevented from being despatched abroad for corrective training in a French convent by the outbreak of war.

In 1919, taking off from Blackpool Sands, she made her first flight, a 55 excursion round the tower and within four years was flying solo in the £500 Avro Avian bought for her by her father. Simultaneously, she was playing county tennis for Lancashire and golf for Cheshire. In 1927 she toured Australia with the British hockey team, and played in goal for England at ice hockey, a typical act of bravado in which her six foot frame filled the goal even if she could not properly skate and had to be held up by colleagues during the National Anthem.

Then, in 1930, came the event which made her nationally famous. She entered the King's Cup air race, a six-stage marathon round Britain, hoping merely to complete the course. Refused accommodation by Hanworth Aero Club she put up at a pub. Helping her navigate

was her future husband, Ron Adams, with whom she played mixed doubles for Lancashire. The weather would prove a decisive factor.

"On the Manchester-Newcastle leg there was low cloud over the Pennines, but fortunately I knew the area well and was able to cut through the haze while the others had to climb above the cloud and didn't know where they were when they came down in Yorkshire without navigation aids there are today." She landed back at Hanworth not realising she had become the first woman to win.

Now a celebrity for the achievements unequalled by a woman for another 51 years, she appeared with her plane on the same bill as George Formby at the Blackpool Palace and later in the London Coliseum, but fame palled and the next year she travelled 3,000 miles up the Amazon by steamer and then canoed with Indian paddlers and an interpreter, as far as Peru, filing despatches back to her sponsors.

While Lottie Dod may have had the edge in a less competitive era at tennis and golf, there is no doubt in my mind that Winifred Adams, exhibiting the nerve of Sir Francis Chichester, as sailor, aviator and navigator as well as an outstanding games-player's eye at four sports, has been one of the most resourceful women of the century and Britain's greatest all-rounder.

David Miller

Recalling the brilliant Lottie and the devastating Winifred

Let us now praise famous women

When it rains at Wimbledon a more agreeable alternative to milling around with the throng and treading on discarded cartons and hamburgers is to visit the Lawn Tennis Museum, including the Kenneth Ritchie library, were among items of interest is a book on Lottie Dod, five times women's champion in 1887 to 1893 and winner of some 38 British tournament titles.

The remarkable career of this liberated early pioneer spanned 11 seasons and ended at the age of 21 when she took up golf, at which she became Open champion at Troon in 1904 and represented England in several international events. Yet what most caught my eye in the short biography by Alan Little was the claim that Lottie Dod must be regarded as the greatest ever woman all-rounder.

This is something which should be questioned, for the rival to that arbitrary title is alive and living on board her motor yacht at Brighton Marina, a trim and very much active 83. But I will return in a moment to this exceptional old lady who has packed enough into her versatile life to satisfy a dozen ordinary mortals.

The case for Lottie is a strong one. Born in Cheshire in 1871, she began tennis with her three elder brothers and sister at nine, at which age she had a distinct advantage over most opponents, being permitted to wear dresses considerably shorter than those demanded by late 19th century social etiquettes. She made her first public

appearance at 11, and by all accounts her early establishment of the base-line of the present fortnight with the vigour of her aggressive net game, not to mention her under-arm serve.

At 14 she was sensationally defeated the never previously beaten Wimbledon champion, Maud Watson, for the West of England title, and in a cricket match in the Derbyshire championship played between the men and women competitors she took a hat-trick bowling against the men, who batted left-handed. The next year, aged 15 years and 10 months, she won the Wimbledon title, defeating the holder, Blanche Bingley, 6-2, 6-0 in the challenge round.

After retiring from tennis, she turned besides golf to hockey, at which she played for England, and to archery, winning the silver medal in the Olympics in London in 1908. She skated, went down the Cresta Run, and was said to have been competent at sculling, riding, mountaineering and billiards. She was an accomplished singer and pianist, and died in 1960 aged 88.

A year after Lottie's first semi-final appearance in the Open golf in 1899 a daughter, Winifred, was born to Savley Brown, a prosperous Manchester butcher. Being early something of an extrovert, Winifred was by the age of five, she recalls, rolling her own cigarettes, a habit still with her today, as she goes about the daily deck and cabin chores

aboard the almost equally veteran A.Y. Seaway, which she shares when free from engagements with her actor son, Tony Adams.

At 10 she was the only girl, berthed in the forward saloon locker, among an all-male crew on her father's 32-foot racing cutter, in which he at one time held the record from Fleetwood to the Isle of Man.

At 14 she was expelled from Broughton High School for graffitiing the loo - "The headmistress can go to Hell" - and was only prevented from being despatched abroad for corrective training in a French convent by the outbreak of war.

In 1919, taking off from Blackpool Sands, she made her first flight, a 55 excursion round the tower and within four years was flying solo in the £500 Avro Avian bought for her by her father. Simultaneously, she was playing county tennis for Lancashire and golf for Cheshire. In 1927 she toured Australia with the British hockey team, and played in goal for England at ice hockey, a typical act of bravado in which her six foot frame filled the goal even if she could not properly skate and had to be held up by colleagues during the National Anthem.

Then, in 1930, came the event which made her nationally famous. She entered the King's Cup air race, a six-stage marathon round Britain, hoping merely to complete the course. Refused accommodation by Hanworth Aero Club she put up at a pub. Helping her navigate

was her future husband, Ron Adams, with whom she played mixed doubles for Lancashire. The weather would prove a decisive factor.

"On the Manchester-Newcastle leg there was low cloud over the Pennines, but fortunately I knew the area well and was able to cut through the haze while the others had to climb above the cloud and didn't know where they were when they came down in Yorkshire without navigation aids there are today." She landed back at Hanworth not realising she had become the first woman to win.

Now a celebrity for the achievements unequalled by a woman for another 51 years, she appeared with her plane on the same bill as George Formby at the Blackpool Palace and later in the London Coliseum, but fame palled and the next year she travelled 3,000 miles up the Amazon by steamer and then canoed with Indian paddlers and an interpreter, as far as Peru, filing despatches back to her sponsors.

While Lottie Dod may have had the edge in a less competitive era at tennis and golf, there is no doubt in my mind that Winifred Adams, exhibiting the nerve of Sir Francis Chichester, as sailor, aviator and navigator as well as an outstanding games-player's eye at four sports, has been one of the most resourceful women of the century and Britain's greatest all-rounder.

David Miller

Sexton the of Coventry's exiles

The appointment of Dave Sexton as assistant to the England manager Bobby Robson was confirmed yesterday, only 45 days after his dismissal by Coventry City. Sexton, who was sacked by Coventry for alleged mismanagement of the club's finances, is expected to concentrate on running the England Under-21 and youth teams, although his exact role will be discussed in the near future.

Sexton, who will be given a four-year contract from 1.1, but his appointment does not mean the end of the Arsenal coach Don Howe, who will continue working with the senior side on his present part-time basis.

Dave Thomas and Les Sealey, two players who played under Sexton at Coventry, have both left the club under a cloud. Thomas, the full back, who won his first England cap in Australia, had hardly completed yesterday's £250,000 transfer to Tottenham Hotspur when he was parting with him at 1.1.1.1.

He had appealed to the Football League management committee against the club's £900 fine for alleged end-of-season remarks and they reduced the amount by a third. He has signed a four-year contract with Tottenham where competition

for places in the defence will be fierce following last week's capture of the Brighton defender Stevens.

Sealey, the goalkeeper, who left Coventry for Luton last week, is also in trouble for making "obscure remarks" in the media. He has had his club car taken away for accusing Coventry of lacking ambition because they were replacing first division players with fourth division and free transfer singlings.

Paul Bracewell, who scored five goals in 123 games for Stoke City, has joined Sunderland in a £250,000 move. Bracewell, who had also attracted Wolverhampton Wanderers, missed out one game last season and took over the captaincy when Dave Watson joined Vauxhall.

With Aidan Butterworth agreeing to stay at Elland Road, all the Leeds United first team squad have signed new contracts.

Bobby Campbell, the Northern Ireland international who wanted a move from Bradford City, has been told he must stay by Peter Fletcher, the official receiver for the third division club, which has debts of over £200,000. Campbell has not received any wages for the last two weeks.

Peter Gleasure, the Millwall goalkeeper, has joined Northampton Town for whom he played 11 league games on loan at the end of last season.

SQUASH RACKETS

No ban but a debate on points

By Richard Eaton

Hidayat Jahan, last season's world No 2 and the first professional to be disqualified, has been treated leniently. The disciplinary committee of the Squash Rackets Association has endorsed the decision of the referee, Graham Dixon, to send Jahan off for allegedly abusing his opponent last March but has decided no further action is necessary.

The committee believed that Jahan's disqualification with its consequent financial and other losses constituted punishment enough. "The incident created a lot of interest from which Jahan has already suffered. He has, however, been reminded of his responsibilities to the game," Bob Morris, the SRA's chief executive, commented.

It is unlikely, though, that Jahan, who has since slipped to No 4 in the world rankings, will be able to forget the incident completely because at the least two important changes in the game are likely to result from it. One of them is that responsibility for disciplinary matters may in future be taken by the International Squash Player's Association - of which Jahan himself was until recently chairman - for all ISPA-approved tournaments. A recommendation to this effect is being sent to the International Squash Rackets Federation.

The other change, a provision for a penalty points system, is almost certain to be agreed by the ISRF when it meets in October, which means an incident like the Jahan disqualification would not happen in quite the same way again. The precise form this provision will take should be a matter for keen debate because two rival recommendations have recently been agreed.

The ISPA's by postal ballot and the SRA's at last week's meeting of the executive committee.

The SRA's, which was in the pipeline even before the Jahan incident, recommended that rule 1.6B should say a referee may award a stroke, a game or a match to the opponent of any player who persists after due warning in delaying play unnecessarily, either through unduly slow preparations or prolonged dissent. It recommends that rule 1.9D should say that in exceptional cases the referee may award a stroke, a game or a match to the opponent of a player who persists in his opinion detrimental to the match in progress and to the game of squash in general.

The ISPA version has four stages: a warning, a point, a game, and finally a match. The referee can also go straight to the fourth stage and default a player at any time, but if he misses out any of the stages the player has the right of appeal to the tournament director.

This is based upon the grand prix rules and codes of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council. The ISRF and the ISPA will be keen to ensure, however, that squash does not start to emulate tennis in the standards of behaviour of its players on court.

Footballers no balled

Buenos Aires (Reuters) - A match in the Argentine province of Cordoba was abandoned on Sunday after spectators stole four balls - all that were available. On balls stolen, the visiting San Vicente fans were clearly victorious. They stole three balls against only one managed by Belgrano supporters.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 4, Baltimore Orioles 3; California Angels 4, Texas Rangers 3; Chicago White Sox 7, Seattle Mariners 4; Philadelphia Phillies 9, Boston Red Sox 6; Milwaukee Brewers v Detroit Tigers (nil).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Expos 3, Chicago Cubs 1; Atlanta Braves 2, Cincinnati Reds 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, St Louis Cardinals 3.

KOSOVSKA: Kosovska college all-stars 8, American college all-stars 5, (Americans led 2-1 in best-of-seven series).

BASKETBALL
KANSAS CITY: Kansas City Invitational tournament: Yugoslavia 83, Cuba 82; United States 80, Mexico 48; Women: USSR 90, France 88; US Pan American 79, US World University Games team 78.

YACHTING
BRIGHTON: 10th National South Championship: Third round: 1. Weller (R), 2. Goss, 3. Royal Victoria Yacht Club 2; 4. Perkins (R), 5. Baker, 6. Alabaster Yacht Club; 4. Art-A-Rat (R), 5. Honour; 5. Amber Gem (R).

OSLO: World Half Ton championships: 1. Fran Vill (Crown Prince Harald, Norv), 2. Finn Lauen (D. Pines, Fra), 3. Sclerona (Y. Oulien, Fra).

SHOOTING
PARIS: International grand prix Olympic style (olympic): 1. J. Cady (GB), 198 pts out of 200; 2. H. Breda (S), 197; 3. J. Cady (GB), 196; 4. J. Cady (GB), 195; 5. J. Cady (GB), 194; 6. J. Cady (GB), 193; 7. J. Cady (GB), 192; 8. J. Cady (GB), 191; 9. J. Cady (GB), 190; 10. J. Cady (GB), 189; 11. J. Cady (GB), 188; 12. J. Cady (GB), 187; 13. J. Cady (GB), 186; 14. J. Cady (GB), 185; 15. J. Cady (GB), 184; 16. J. Cady (GB), 183; 17. J. Cady (GB), 182; 18. J. Cady (GB), 181; 19. J. Cady (GB), 180; 20. J. Cady (GB), 179; 21. J. Cady (GB), 178; 22. J. Cady (GB), 177; 23. J. Cady (GB), 176; 24. J. Cady (GB), 175; 25. J. Cady (GB), 174; 26. J. Cady (GB), 173; 27. J. Cady (GB), 172; 28. J. Cady (GB), 171; 29. J. Cady (GB

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear

BBC 1

- 6.00 **Coastal AM** News headlines, weather, traffic and sports details. Available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.
- 6.30 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hour; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; keep fit between 6.45 and 7.00; pop music news between 7.30 and 7.45; a review of the morning papers at 7.32 and 8.32; horoscopes between 8.30 and 8.45; food and cooking hints between 8.45 and 9.00. Today's guest is Andrew Lloyd Webber. Closes down at 9.00.
- 1.00 **News After Nine** with Richard Whitmore and Sandi Marshall. The weather details come from Bill Gifford. 1.27 Regional news (London and SE only). Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles. 1.30 **The Flumps**. A See-Saw programme for the very young. The story is where's Grandfather? narrated by Gay Porter (P).
- 1.45 **Wimbledon 83** introduced by Harry Carpenter. Live coverage of today's matches on the Centre and Number One courts which include the remaining Men's Singles quarterfinals. (Also on BBC2 from 2.00pm) 4.18 Regional news (not London or Scotland).
- 4.20 **Play School**. Shown earlier on BBC2. 4.45 **Cartoon**: *Boat Cat* in *Violin Player* (P). 5.05 *John Craven's Newsround*. The latest world news for young people. 5.10 **Wildcat**. Nature magazine programme presented by Su Ingle and Michael Jordan. The programme includes a look at the animals that live on the verge of a West Meria motorway and Su Ingle travels by army hovercraft to a firing range on the East coast to see a colony of Little Terns and helps to ring the chicks.
- 5.40 **News with Moira Stuart**. 6.00 **South East at Six** presented by Sue Cook, Laurie Mayer and Fran Morrison.
- 6.15 **Wimbledon 83**. Harry Carpenter with the latest news from the All England Club plus highlights from today's Men's Singles quarterfinal matches.
- 7.05 **Travels**. Episode 24 and traces of vermin are found in the hold. Tom Kelly organizes a search.
- 7.30 **Film: Second Wind** (1976) starring James Naughton and Lindsay Wagner. The first showing on British television for this tale about a successful stockbroker who risks his career and his wife when he becomes obsessed with becoming a four-minute mile. Directed by Donald Shebib.
- 8.00 **News with John Humphreys**.
- 9.25 **The Black Adair**. Part three and Edmund's rise to the throne of England is being thwarted. He decides to try and arrange that his dearest rival is made Archbishop of Canterbury after he learns of the rapid turnover in that position. Starring Rowan Atkinson.
- 9.40 **Come Dancing**. Northern Ireland versus Midlands and West.
- 9.45 **Flamingo Road**. Eudora Weldon's increasing dependence on tranquilizers forces her family to seek medical help and also reveals Constance's secret.
- 1.35 **Phil Squires as Sergeant Biko**. An eating contest finds the fly sergeant backing heavily on one of his men from the motor pool (P).
- 1.00 **Weather**.

TV-am

- 6.25 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News at 6.25, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; guest celebrity Jackie Collins at 6.35; cartoon at 6.45; Libby Purves reviews the morning papers at 7.05; sport at 7.45; pop video at 7.55; Cyril Smith's art forecast at 8.05; the day's television preview at 8.55; Bill Oddie reviews bawdiest videos at 9.05; and exercises with Mad Lizzie at 9.15.
- 1.00 **ITV/LONDON**
- 9.25 **Thames news headlines**. 9.30 **For Schools**: A visit to Weston Park in Shropshire. 9.42 **Along the cliffs**. 9.58 **Spiders at work**. 10.18 **Around Britain** - Town and country. 10.35 **How the media represent the city**. 11.05 **How technology may lead to world peace**. 11.22 **The role of the health visitor**. 11.39 **The first modern passenger railway**. 11.45 **Cartoon Time**. *Popeye and Olive in Safari* (G). 12.00 **Rod, Jane and Freddy in The Lost Garden**. 12.10 **Rainbow Learning** with puppets and guest, Nina Zuckerman (P). 12.30 **Electric Theatre Show**. The first of a new series reviewing the latest film releases.
- 1.00 **News**. 1.20 **Thames news**. 1.30 **Newsround**. Joe Suggs's troubles are increased by a disaster with the crops. 2.00 **A Plus**. Julie Andrews talks to Elaine Grand about her stage and screen careers.
- 2.30 **A Country Practice**. Drama serial set in a medical practice in the Australian bush. 3.30 **Definition**. Crossword game.
- 4.00 **Rod, Jane and Freddy**. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 **Cartoon**: *Twenty Five in Time* (Cartooned). 4.30 **Film Fun** - The Little Terns and the development of sound in the cinema. 4.45 **What's Happening**. Quiz game based on the week's news between a team representing West Coast, Ay and LBC Radio, London. 5.15 **Game**. Tom O'Connor with the quiz game for married couples.
- 5.45 **News**. 6.00 **Thames news**.
- 6.25 **Help! Juliet Alexander** with news of the Endometriosis Society, an organisation that assists those suffering from the painful condition.
- 6.35 **Crossroads**. Information from Percy Dobson surprises Kevin Banks.
- 7.00 **Where There's Life**. Dr Miriam Stoppard reports from California about parents who are taking tough measures with their wayward children.
- 7.30 **Coronation Street**. What will Elsie do if Suzie Birchall refuses to leave the house?
- 8.00 **Starburst**. Variety with Dennis Waterman topping the bill with his singing and guitar playing talents. Among the supporting acts are Leslie Crowther, Dollar and George Mew with John Chisholm and Peter Warmers.
- 8.30 **Jeopardy**. Shown earlier on a Channel 4. A Chamber of Horrors. The investigative television reporter finds herself mired up with murder and mayhem on the set of a horror movie. Starring Patricia Hodge, Anthony Shaw and Don Henderson.
- 10.00 **News**.
- 10.30 **Film: I Escaped From Devil's Island** (1979) starring Jim Brown. Adventure yarn about four prisoners' attempts to escape from the French penal colony in 1918. Directed by William Wyler.
- 12.10 **Close with Brian Blessed**.

BBC 2

- 6.05 **Open University: The Dragon School**. Oxford. 6.30 **Special Education** in Norway. 6.55 **Physics: Vibrations of Music**. 7.20 **Sacred Places**. 7.45 **History of Mathematics**. 8.10 **Closedown**.
- 10.05 **Marbar**. A magazine programme of interest to Asian women.
- 10.30 **Play School**. For the under fives, presented by Chloe Ashcroft and Iain Lauchlan. 10.55 **Closedown**.
- 12.30 **Open University: The First Years of Life**. On the 12.55 **Health Choices**. Stormy weather. Closes down at 1.20.
- 2.00 **Wimbledon 83**. Harry Carpenter introduces live coverage of the matches played on the Centre and Number One courts which include the remaining matches in the Men's Singles quarterfinals. Commentary and comment from David Meakins, John Barrett, Barry Davies, Mark Cox, Ann Jones, Virginia Wade, Bill Thrall, Richard Evans and Bjorn Borg.
- 2.30 **News** with subtitles.
- 7.30 **Travel Show** presented by Paul Henry and Lucie Slingsby. Advice and hints for the would-be holidaymaker. The programme includes a consumer report on the price of sun lotion in various resorts on the Continent; the latest exchange rates; the whereabouts of the hottest and sunniest holiday spots.
- 8.00 **Timewatch**. Another in the monthly series that examines history with the benefit of hindsight. Four topics tonight: the 1805 Battle of the River Plate between Britain and Argentina; Gubby Allen talks about Douglas Jardine's role in the 'bodyline' controversy; how the health of the 1930s unemployed was affected; and the story of how France's Louis XIV became the first monarch to consciously promote a favourable image of himself.
- 9.00 **Film: Bull of the Year**. The first round in the contest to find the country's most knowledgeable cinema-goer. Four contestants, from Northern Ireland, South Wales, Surrey and Shropshire answer questions on Laurence Olivier, Chorus Varieties, *Doctor Day* and David O. Selznick. The presenter is Robin Ray.
- 9.35 **The Way of the Warrior**. The final programme of the series on the martial arts features Shinto Ryo - The Samurai Way.
- 10.15 **Wimbledon 83**. Desmond Lynam introduces Match of the Day and Gerald Williams has a round-up of the day's results.
- 11.00 **Newsround**.
- 11.50 **Open University: New Hips for Old**. 12.15 Instrumentation. Ends at approximately 12.45.

CHANNEL 4

- 5.00 **Everybody News**. Entertaining and fun multi-cultural topics for young people. This week's programme includes actress Miriam Karlin telling the story of The First Schlemiel and an item on by Gifford, London Transport's only black lady bus driver. In addition, there is a demonstration of how to print a hamburger on a T-shirt and how to pick up nuts with the toes.
- 5.30 **Countdown**. The last quarterfinal of the fast-moving anagrams and mental arithmetic competition sees the number two seed Paddy Nelson pitted against Ash Hegli, who is seeded seventh. Both come from London. The questionmaster is Richard Whitley with Gyles Brandreth the arbiter in case of any confusion.
- 6.00 **The Munsters**. Herman becomes an overnight success in country and western singing circles after he borrows a tape recorder from a disc jockey's son. But success turns Herman's head. Starring Pat Gwynn and Yvonne De Carlo.
- 6.30 **The World - A Television History**. The sixth programme in the series based on the Times Atlas of World History examines the World Religions. The programme explores the how, where and why organized religion replaced tribal and fertility gods, the spread of Islam and the success of Christianity in the West.
- 7.00 **Channel Four News**.
- 7.50 **Comment**. The political spot this week is filled by the Labour MP for Pontypriod, Brynlor Jones.
- 8.00 **Brookside**. Karen at long last receives her CSE results while Heather is still waiting to celebrate Roger qualifying as a solicitor.
- 8.30 **Brookside: Half a Loaf?** A documentary about the significance of the recommendations of the Commission of Enquiry into the Aspects of Food Policy.
- 9.00 **Dance on Four: Twyla Tharp's Dance Scrapbook**. The last programme of series features an original 'video dance autobiography' of the controversial choreographer, Twyla Tharp, covering the past two decades. The programme also includes original footage from previous projects including *Tank Drive* and *Eight Jelly Rolls*.
- 10.00 **Film: Twyla Tharp's Dance Scrapbook**. A cinema verité type film records a debate between the leading advocates of Women's Lib and arch male chauvinist Norman Mailer who, with courage bordering on the insane, publicly defends his book *The Priapus*. Directed by D. A. Pennebaker and recorded at Manhattan Town Hall.
- 11.30 **Closedown**.

CHOICE

- sort. It is thought that he was the first monarch to recognize the worth of public relations and employed people to point his image in a favourable light.
- **Brookside**, the all-women documentary-making company tonight turn their attentions to bread. In **HALF A LOAF?** (Channel 4, 8.30pm) nutritional scientists, health officials and mothers voice their dissent about the possibility of leading millers acting on the government's proposals that stem from the recommendations of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy, a body of experts who deliberated for more than three years on how much or should not be present in the average loaf of bread - an item of food that, because of its cheapness, plays an increasingly important part on the diet of the elderly, low wage earners and those on the dole.
- The fifth in the **Storytellers** series is **MIR WRONG** (Radio 4, 3.02), a spoof thriller by Elizabeth Jane Howard about Meg, a provincial girl who comes to live in London during the swinging 60s. To escape from her two ill-assorted fat mates and to complete her sense of freedom, Meg buys a second-hand sports car with a rather gruesome past and a spookily present. A former owner was brutally murdered in the vehicle and when Meg discovers this she decides it is time to sell. Against advice she takes one last drive into the country where the car is spotted by the yet unidentifiable murderer. Starring Petra Markham as the unfortunate Meg.

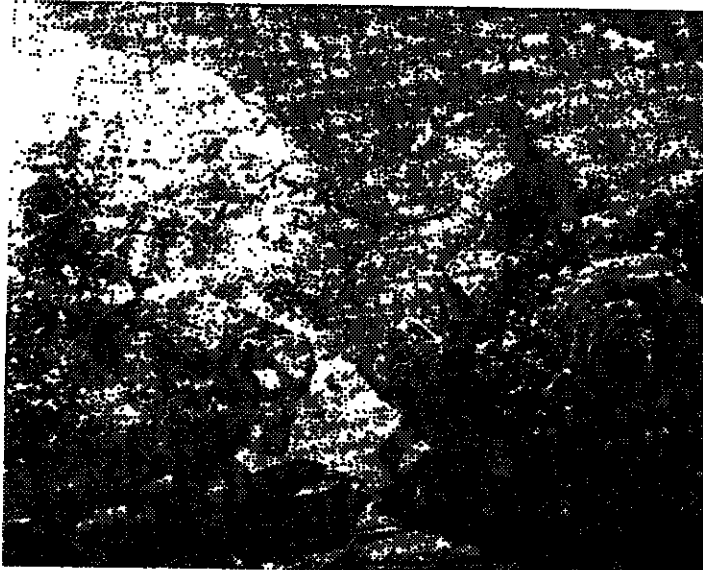
Radio 3

- 6.55 **Weather**. 7.00 **News**. 7.05 **Your Midweek Choice**. Record requests. Part 1: Last Monday's *Radio 3* in B flat, op 85, for organ, Wagner (in German) - Lohengrin, Rimsky-Korsakov (Suite: The Tale of Tsar Saltan).
- 8.00 **Your Midweek Choice** (continued) *Mahal* (L. chant), Beethoven, Andante and Variations in D minor 44 Handel, Rise (Piano Concerto in C sharp minor, played by Maria Liza).
- 8.05 **This Week's Composer**. Tallis: records (includes the *Gaude gloriosus*; Te Deum; and *Spem in alium*) with the *Choir of the Cathedral of St John's* and the *Tallis Scholars* and *Choir of St John's College, Cambridge*.
- 10.00 **Janet and Kaddy**. Cello and Piano recital by Janet Blake and Kaddy Dawson. Kaddy's Sonata Op 4 and Janak's *Polymer* A Flat. This is a BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra. Mozart, *Serenade No 1 in D*; the Berg is the *Seven Early Songs*. Plus *Marriage of Figaro* overture. Mozart's *Don Giovanni* 1963 on authentic instruments. Played by Apollo's Banquet.
- 12.30 **Albert Coates**. Nine programmes - 12. The 12-Bar Blues. Last heard in 1977, this series continues with programmes about W C Handy and Co. Jelly Roll Morton; Jack Teagarden; East River Jazz Chamber Music; and Duke Ellington.
- 1.00 **Barthelme**. The *Violin Sonatas* (First of 5 programmes). Sonatas in F, Op 24 (The Spring) and in C minor, Op 102, played by Zvi Lurie and Bruno Canino.
- 2.00 **Janet and Kaddy**. Wagner (A Faust overture) Schumann (Sonata for Faust) Schubert and Mahler (Symphony No 9). Chorus includes the English Chamber, Bavarian Radio and Berlin Phil.
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Queen Mother honours IRA's Hyde Park victims



The Queen Mother attended a service in Hyde Park yesterday to dedicate a memorial to the four members of the Household Cavalry killed in an IRA bomb attack last July. Brian Harris's photographs show: Above, the Queen Mother with, on her right, Major General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Colonel-in-Chief of the Life Guards; left, Mrs Judith Young helps her daughters Sarah Jane, 2½, and Louise, 5, lay their posies; below: the posies.



Mutineers pledge to fight Arafat

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under certain conditions. But he apparently gave no hint of what these conditions might be.

Elsewhere in Lebanon another crisis is emerging now that Druze and Christian militiamen have started a vendetta of murders and kidnappings in the Israeli-occupied Chouf mountains.

At least six bodies were brought out of the area on Monday night after a day of sniping on the main Beirut-Damascus highway, a road that is supposed to be controlled by Israeli troops.

Both sides fired artillery shells at each other yesterday for the third consecutive day and the bombardment is now covering an ever wider area. When I travelled up the Damascus highway on Monday, four Christian gunmen ordered my car to halt and one of them pointed his weapon at me with both hands when I at first refused to stop. I was permitted to go when I convinced them I was a foreigner.

The Israelis were making little effort to prevent such incidents.

East block summit adopts conciliatory line to West

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Leaders of the Warsaw Pact yesterday ended a one-day summit meeting in Moscow by adopting a joint statement which restates Soviet arms control proposals but took a predominantly conciliatory line towards the West.

There was no sign of the widely expected Soviet block threat to deploy Soviet missiles in Eastern Europe if new Nato missiles are stationed in Western Europe at the end of the year.

The Russians held the meeting with their allies in order to consolidate Warsaw Pact unity at a time when the Geneva arms talks are at critical stage, and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of

West Germany is about to visit Moscow.

Moscow television last night showed the Warsaw Pact leaders in the Kremlin, the first official admission that the summit had been convened.

In their joint declaration the Warsaw Pact called for a Soviet-American nuclear freeze as the beginning of a five-power arms pact and reiterated their call for a non-aggression pact with Nato.

The statement called for an arms agreement that would rule out the deployment of new American missiles in Europe.

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Doctors stay neutral

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in the eyes of the public and our members", he said.

Dr H Fell, a consultant from East Anglia, objected that taking no political stance was in itself "a political statement of frightening irresponsibility. It is the politics of the ostrich. The public will not be edified by the prospect of so many medical heads in the sand."

Nuclear war was a matter of preventive medicine and that meant that doctors should discuss any matters by which the ultimate tragedy could be avoided, Dr Fell said.

But the conference went on to approve by 248 votes to 70 a resolution congratulating the board of science on its "superb report"

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Jenkins squares up to a maiden heckle

"These are the days of the maidens", said Mr Enoch Powell last night, as he began a speech immediately after a new Conservative member had addressed the House for the first time.

"We riddled haridans of parliamentary life are apt to feel lost in an ocean of virginity", he added, with the slightly mocking tone he always adopts when being jokey. He went on to the main subject of his speech, what Mrs Thatcher would do were Britain threatened with complete destruction by nuclear weapons. On this subject, his tone was lighter. He quoted the Prime Minister as saying that, in that dire eventuality, she would be prepared to press the button. "I don't believe it", he said, airily.

The maidens are indeed making themselves heard in increasing numbers as the week-long debate on the Queen's Speech reaches its final days. There was Mr Roger Harvey, the new Conservative member of Cwyd South West. He spoke about the need to stand by the Falkland Islanders.

By tradition, the next speaker to rise after a maiden speech always compliments the newcomer on his first effort.

It fell to the youthful Mr Harvey to be complimented by Mr Powell, who said his speech was "very trenchant" and suggested that its author was a man of independent convictions. This was said under the gaze of the Government whips. Let us hope it did not blight Mr Harvey's career.

Then came Mr Jonathan Sayeed. He is the Conservative who defeated Mr Benn at Bristol East. He is therefore a closet hero of a broad spectrum of Labour opinion from the soft left to what remains of the Labour right. Without Mr Sayeed, Mr Neil Kinnock's present campaign would look less assured of decisive victory.

Earlier, Mr Roland Boyes, the new left-wing Labour member for Houghton and Washington, made his maiden heckle. During a speech by Mr Roy Jenkins, at the point where Mr Jenkins mentioned the British contribution to the

European budget, he shouted: "What did you do about it?"

It was undoubtedly an emotional day for Mr Boyes as it was for the likes of Mr Harvey and Mr Sayeed. For a left-wing Labour member, your maiden heckle - especially of Mr Jenkins - is as important an occasion as your maiden speech. Years of patient work on behalf of the party lead up to this moment. Embittered old age pensioners lick envelopes in dingy committee rooms in order to send you to Westminster to insult Mr Jenkins on behalf of the working class of your constituency and beyond.

Mr Boyes was the man with the dark blue shirt and Labour Party tie reported in this space last night as unsuccessfully attempting to persuade the Prime Minister to yield the floor to him during her speech last week. He was forced then to subside. "Of him (no doubt) more later", we wrote at the time. Prophecies were, yesterday, came the more by tradition, 9 left-wing maiden hecklers is complimented by the next heckler. "He's quite right, quite right", someone therefore cried as Mr Jenkins departed from the flow of his speech to say that Mr Boyes was wrong. Mr Boyes maintained a commentary on Mr Jenkins' subsequent remarks. Mr Jenkins spoke of his "futile chatter". High praise indeed for a fledgling heckler. Mr Boyes is a man to watch.

To return to Mr Powell. He spoke after Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr Dennis Healey. Opposition shadow, had rather routinely opened the foreign affairs and defence day of the Queen's Speech debate. As on so many other subjects, Mr Powell's views on his right-wing fame. He is against it. The House fell silent as he conjured up a vision of a Britain faced with a Russian-dominated continent and then a Russian invasion. He did not believe that even then we would destroy ourselves by using the bomb. Mr Julian Critchley, the Tory member for Aldershot, had the answer to this in a useful interruption: the Russians could never be certain that we would not.

It was a brilliant first speech by Mr Powell of a Parliament he was widely expected never to enter.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen opens new premises of the Royal Society of Edinburgh to mark their bicentenary, Edinburgh, 11; gives a garden party, Palace of Holyroodhouse, 4.
Princess Anne visits Lark Grammar School on the occasion of their centenary, 10; as Patron, Riding for the Disabled Association, visits the Border Group, near Jedburgh, 11.35.
Princess Margaret presides at Annual Council Meeting of the

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Friends Meeting House, Euston Road, London, 2.10.

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, attends the Grand Prior's Advisory Council, St John's Gate, London, 10; accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester attends a fashion show, Cheltenham Hall, Royal College of Art, London, 8.45.
Princess Michael of Kent attends Woman's World of Hair and Fashion, in aid of Elizabeth Garrett visits the Border Group, near Jedburgh, 11.35.
Princess Margaret presides at Annual Council Meeting of the

visits the Central School of Speech and Drama, Embassy Theatre, Eton Avenue, London, 4.

New exhibition

French paintings, Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (until July 31).
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New books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
A Yorkshire Boyhood, by Roy Hattersley (Chato & Windus, 28.95).
Candles, by John Richardson (Methuen, 19.95).
Finest Hour, Winston S. Churchill, 1893-1991, by Martin Gilbert (Heinemann, 215.95).
Last, the Victims Years, 1811-1847, by Alan Walker (Faber, 225).
Louis XIV, the Other Side of the Sun, by John Galsworthy (Oxford, 12.50).
The Cambridge Illustrated History of the World's Science, by Colin A. Roman (Cambridge, 212.95).
The Eastern Mediterranean, from the Atlantic Coast to the Caspian Sea, by Stuart Pigott (Thames & Hudson, 220).
The Penguin Dictionary of Proverbs, edited by Rosalind Ferguson (Allen Lane & Co., 19.95).
The Virgin and the Virgin, a History of Women in Scotland from 1080-1880, by Rosalind K. Marshall (Collins, 215.95).

The papers

"Once again Wimbledon has become a tournament of stayaways and sour grapes", says the Daily Mirror, commenting on the bad behaviour of many top sportsmen. Social workers and teachers regularly complain about fictional violence on TV, but the real life examples set by the sporting stars do more damage to the young.

"First prize for hypocrisy this morning goes to Mr Roy Hattersley", says the Daily Express. He has told his party to elect him leader in the next election, and yet he is prepared to be deputy under Mr Kinnock if he fails - thus cheerfully scrapping his principles to stay near the top.

London radio

Public meetings are being held in London next month to enable people to comment on three applications to rein the commercial radio franchise at present held by Capital Radio. The first is at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, on July 18 at 7.30 pm; the second on July 19 at the Forthright Lane Hall, Queensway, at 7 pm; and the third at the Independent Broadcasting Authority, 70 Brompton Road, London SW3 1EX.

The pound

	Bank	Bank
Australia \$	1.83	1.74
Austria Sch	28.65	27.00
Belgium Fr	81.59	77.00
Denmark Kr	1.95	1.86
France Fr	14.57	13.82
Germany DM	8.99	8.40
Greece Dr	12.10	11.25
Hong Kong \$	136.00	127.00
Ireland Pt	11.40	10.75
Italy Lira	238.80	226.90
Japan Yen	386.00	366.00
Netherlands Gld	4.54	4.31
Norway Kr	11.60	11.00
Portugal Esc	183.00	170.00
Spain Ptas	216	2.01
Sweden Kr	22.20	21.50
Switzerland Fr	12.66	11.54
USA \$	3.35	3.18
Yugoslavia Dnr	1.58	1.52

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Retail Price Index: 333.9. London: The FT Index closed down 6.1 at 719.6.

Roads

London and South-east: Wimbledon Tennis Championships: additional waiting restrictions and temporary one-way system between 8.30am and 9pm daily in Marylebone Road, Somerset Road and Church Road. A104: Balls Pond Road, Dalston, closed westbound for 5 weeks; diversions: A26 Temporary closure on TV, but the real life examples set by the sporting stars do more damage to the young.

Wales and West: M5: Lane closures between junctions 13 and 14 (Stroud and Thornbury). A322: Temporary lights at Windrich, Newburgh, Dorset. A38: Lane closures at March Mills Viaduct, Devon.

Midlands and East Anglia: A46: Roadworks at Bridgefoot gyratory, Stratford-on-Avon. M66: Northbound entry slip-road closed at Junction 2 (M69 and Coventry East). A1: Lane closures at Conington, Cambridgeshire.

North: M6: Lane closures between junctions 43 and 44 (Carlisle). A59: Motorist control at Lawton crossroads, NW of Kidsgrove, Cheshire. M6: Lane closures between junctions 19 and 20 (Chester).

South-east: M9: Lane closures between junctions 5 and 7 (Falkirk) to Kilmacree Bridge. A72: Single lane traffic W of Poole.

Information supplied by the A.A.

Pollen forecast

	Pollen count	Peak times
Alder	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Birch	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Box	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Burnthorn	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Cherry	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Cypress	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Elm	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Hawthorn	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Hazel	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Holly	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Juniper	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Larch	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Maple	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Myrtle	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Norfolk Island	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Olive	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Pine	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Privet	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Rose	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Rosehip	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Sage	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Spruce	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Willow	low	3 pm to 6 pm
Yew	low	3 pm to 6 pm

* except during rain. Based on National Pollen and Hay Fever Survey.

Weather forecast

A frontal trough over England will move S across Wales and the rest of England.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S, SW England, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, bright periods in places; rain; wind NW, light; max temp 16 to 20C (64 to 68F).
East Angles, Midlands, S Wales: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, some light showers; wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 18 to 19C (64 to 66F).
E, NW, Central N England, N Wales: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, some light showers; wind NW, light or moderate; max temp 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).
Scotland, Argy, Northern Ireland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind NW, moderate or fresh, max temp 14 to 15C (57 to 59F).
NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Highlands, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Scotland: Sunny periods, mainly dry; wind NW, moderate or fresh; max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).
Wales, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, scattered showers; wind NW, fresh; max temp 12 to 13C (54 to 55F).
 outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Sunny intervals and showers becoming dry in SE but rain spreading to NW.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind W moderate, occasionally fresh; sea mainly slight.

English Channel (E): Wind mainly W, moderate; sea mainly slight.

24 hours' forecast: Irish Sea Wind W, moderate; occasionally fresh; sea mainly slight.

Sun rises: 4.46am. 9.22pm.
Moon sets: 8.23am. 12.07am tomorrow.

Last quarter July 3.

Lighting-up time

London 9.52 pm to 4.17 am.
Brighton 10.01 pm to 4.27 am.
Edinburgh 10.12 pm to 4.30 am.
Manchester 10.19 pm to 4.35 am.
Preston 10.26 pm to 4.40 am.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fog; m, rain; s, sun.
Belfast: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Birmingham: c 18.84 Sun a 18.84
Blackpool: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Bristol: c 17.63 Sun a 17.63
Cardiff: c 14.47 Sun a 14.47
Edinburgh: c 11.47 Sun a 11.47
Glasgow: c 13.85 Sun a 13.85
London: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Manchester: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Preston: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Sheffield: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Southampton: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Trafalgar: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Weymouth: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Wolverhampton: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
Worcester: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59
York: c 15.59 Sun a 15.59

Highest and lowest

Yesterday's highest day temp: North 31°C (88°F); lowest day temp: North 11°C (52°F).
Highest night temp: North 11°C (52°F).
Lowest night temp: North 11°C (52°F).
Manchester: 13.85, 13.85.

London

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